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| 2  | CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Waddell,   |
| 3  | would you please call the roll.               |
| 4  | SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin?                     |
| 5  | BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Present.                  |
| 6  | SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?                      |
| 7  | BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Present.                   |
| 8  | SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?                  |
| 9  | BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Here.                  |
| 10 | SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace?                     |
| 11 | BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Here.                     |
| 12 | SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?                |
| 13 | BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Here.                |
| 14 | SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?         |
| 15 | CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Here.          |
| 16 | Okay. We had a long day oh, ex partes. I'm    |
| 17 | sorry.  |
| 18 | Ms. Mulé?                                     |
| 19 | BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: None.                      |
| 20 | CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Peace.     |
| 21 | BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I'm up to date.           |
| 22 | CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I'm also up to |
| 23 | date.   |
| 24 | BOARD MEMBER MARIN: I'm up to date.           |
| 25 | CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian?  |

- 1 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm up to date.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Washington?
- BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: I have none.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We had a
- 5 long day yesterday and finished quite a lot.
- 6 We continued Item 14. Correct me if I'm wrong,
- 7 Mr. Leary, on any of these. I'm looking at these notes.
- 8 And 14, I think, we might have some new language
- 9 to consider or --
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right. We're trying to
- 11 work on that and get it done before the Board meeting's
- 12 over.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 14 So we'll be taking that toward the end, probably
- 15 at the end.
- 16 We have Item 17 that was slated for yesterday,
- 17 but we moved because some interested parties wanted to be
- 18 here this morning.
- 19 So we have 17 and then 30, then we'll go to 18,
- 20 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and then 14; is that correct? Keep me
- 21 honest here.
- Okay. Then we'll just start right off with No.
- 23 17, if you're ready, Ms. Wohl.
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Yes.
- 25 Agenda Item 17 is consideration of the rigid

- 1 Plastic Packaging Container (RPPC), All-Container and
- 2 Polyethylene Terephthalate recycling rates to be used for
- 3 compliance year 2004.
- 4 And Michael Leaon will present.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Good morning.
- 6 MR. LEAON: Good morning, Madam Chair and Board
- 7 members.
- 8 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 9 Presented as follows.)
- 10 MR. LEAON: Okay. I'd like to begin this item by
- 11 providing you with some background information.
- 12 At the Board's April 2004 Board meeting the Board
- 13 adopted a resolution to support proposed legislation that
- 14 would repeal the recycling rights as compliance options
- 15 from the RPPC law.
- 16 In making that determination the Board considered
- 17 several factors:
- 18 One, that beverage containers largely drive the
- 19 recycling rights. Those containers make up the bulk of
- 20 the material that's counted in the recycling rates;
- 21 therefore, the rates that aren't an effective measure --
- 22 or don't measure the effectiveness of the law as a result.
- 23 Based on that, staff resources are better spent on
- 24 planning and implementing certifications. And, in fact,
- 25 if the rates were calculated only considering regulated

- 1 containers, which would then be an effective measure of
- 2 the law, that recycling rate for the all-container, for
- 3 example, is likely under five percent.
- 4 So the cost to calculate recycling rates that
- 5 don't really measure the effectiveness of the law is
- 6 really very high in terms of staff time and effort and
- 7 also contract dollars?
- 8 Furthermore, the previously approved methodology
- 9 is no longer feasible due to changes in the way necessary
- 10 data, specifically national resin sales data, is reported
- 11 and at the time when that data becomes available.
- 12 And, finally, the Board determined that annual
- 13 certifications better support the actual intent of the
- 14 RPPC law, which is to conserve resources, divert RPPC's
- 15 from disposal, and also to support markets for recycled
- 16 plastics. And California has invested significant amounts
- 17 of dollars in collection infrastructure. And we have
- 18 heard from processors that this implementation of this law
- 19 is important to their businesses.
- 20 So based on those factors the Board made a
- 21 determination to support the repeal of the recycling rates
- 22 as compliance options.
- 23 I'm trying to figure out how to work the -- oops.
- 24 There we go.
- 25 --000--

- 1 MR. LEAON: Okay. So the purpose of today's
- 2 meeting is to consider publishing the 2003 recycling
- 3 rates, both the all-container and PET rates, based on best
- 4 available information. Until the law is actually changed
- 5 and the requirement to public these rates is removed, the
- 6 Board still has a legal requirement to publish these
- 7 rates; and, in fact, can't require individual companies to
- 8 demonstrate compliance through either source reduction
- 9 recycled content or the reused refillable options unless
- 10 it first publishes a rate and makes a determination that
- 11 the rates are below the threshold values of 55 percent for
- 12 PET and 25 percent for the all-container rate.
- 13 So, again, today's purpose is to consider the
- 14 best available evidence for publishing the 2003 rates, but
- 15 not to revisit the whole issue on repealing the rates, the
- 16 action that the Board took last April.
- 17 So that brings us to the best available evidence
- 18 and how we estimated the recycling rates.
- 19 --000--
- 20 MR. LEAON: Staff looked at trends in the
- 21 published literature and also DOC beverage container
- 22 recycling data. And these trends show a consistent
- 23 decline in the recycling of beverage containers. At the
- 24 same time --
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Leaon, may I

- 1 interrupt just for a moment.
- 2 MR. LEAON: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I know there was
- 4 some talk that we didn't have the right numbers from DOC
- 5 or they weren't the final ones. Were those verified or --
- 6 MR. LEAON: Yes. We met with DOC staff, and we
- 7 believe we have the correct numbers. And I believe we may
- 8 have someone from DOC staff here today.
- 9 Let me -- yes, we do have DOC staff here today,
- 10 who can speak more --
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, Great. Thank
- 12 you. Because I know that came up.
- MR. LEAON: -- succinctly to that issue than I
- 14 can.
- But, yes, we believe we're using the correct
- 16 data.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 18 MR. LEAON: Okay. So we looked at the trends in
- 19 the recovery of beverage containers and also the
- 20 proliferation, the use of plastic packaging in RPP's,
- 21 especially in resin types that aren't recycled PPC,
- 22 polypropylene. And we believe that those two trends
- 23 combined, less recycling, more disposal, really strongly
- 24 indicates that the rate would calculate -- the
- 25 all-container rate would calculate to under 25 percent.

- Now, that wasn't legally enough for the Board to
- 2 make a determination on whether or not to require a
- 3 certification. We actually have to publish a publisher
- 4 rate, a specific number. So staff developed an approach
- 5 using the 2001 recycling rate and beverage container
- 6 recycling data from DOC to estimate the rates. And it was
- 7 a proportional analysis that was used. And using the DOC
- 8 processor numbers, staff estimated an all-container
- 9 recycling rate of 23.9 percent. Using, and I believe it
- 10 was certified recycling center data, one stakeholder came
- 11 up with a calculation of 24.5 percent. So that number is
- 12 slightly higher. But both numbers do calculate under 25
- 13 percent, and both support staff's conclusion that the rate
- 14 is under 25 percent.
- --o0o--
- 16 MR. LEAON: One issue that I do want to bring up
- 17 today. At the May interested parties meeting staff did
- 18 present the approach we were using to estimate the rates.
- 19 And that's when the controversy arose over the data. And
- 20 subsequently we met with DOC staff to confirm we were
- 21 using the right information.
- It was asked at the IP meeting whether this would
- 23 be a methodology that the Board could use into the future.
- 24 At that time we said that we do plan to use this as a
- 25 methodology in the future, and that still holds true.

- 1 However, at that May IP meeting I also stated
- 2 that at that time we didn't plan to publish the estimated
- 3 rates. But subsequently when we were preparing this item
- 4 it became clear that legally in order for the Board to
- 5 require a certification, it couldn't rely just on best
- 6 available evidence. We actually had to publish a rate.
- 7 And that's when it became clear we would actually have to
- 8 use that estimated rate and publish it. So some
- 9 stakeholders may take exception to that change and
- 10 direction from the May IP meeting.
- 11 --000--
- MR. LEAON: So, in conclusion, we believe the
- 13 trends clearly indicate that the rate is on the decline.
- 14 And the approach we used to estimate the rate supports
- 15 that conclusion, not only for 2003 where we say it's below
- 16 25 percent. But last year at this time the Board adopted
- 17 a rate of 26.1 percent, which was the 2001 rate, based on
- 18 best-available evidence that the rate would be above 25
- 19 percent. And using the approach staff came up with, again
- 20 that corroborates that action. Using our approach for
- 21 2002 the rate would have been 27 percent. So we feel that
- 22 this corroborates and supports using this approach.
- 23 And at this point I will hand over the staff
- 24 presentation to Edgar Rojas with the Plastics Recycling
- 25 Technology Section. He's going to take you through the

- 1 process in a little more detail, looking at the
- 2 methodology previously used and discussing how the trend
- 3 data indicates the rate would be under 25 percent, and
- 4 also taking you through the approach we used to estimate
- 5 the rates.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Before you leave let me just
- 7 understand this very clear. Prior to and up to 2002, were
- 8 those actual numbers or was it our best guess estimates?
- 9 MR. LEAON: The methodology that we used to
- 10 calculate the recycling rates was based on conducting a
- 11 waste characterization study every four years. And that
- 12 would be in combination with a processor survey to collect
- 13 hard data. And in the intervening years we would adjust
- 14 those numbers -- those hard numbers --
- 15 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: You extrapolate that?
- MR. LEAON: Right, based on --
- 17 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: So when was the last time
- 18 that we actually used real hard data?
- 19 MR. LEAON: Well, the last waste characterization
- 20 study was 1999.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Okay.
- 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: But I believe we
- 23 calculated the rate -- in 2001`was an actual calculation
- 24 of the rate.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Using 1999 data?

- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right.
- 2 MR. LEAON: Yes.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: So we're a little bit
- 4 behind, so it's a couple of years behind?
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right. We then sort of
- 6 estimate that forward. And we've --
- 7 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: You extrapolate that?
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: -- we've done that
- 9 typically.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: I understand.
- 11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: But we're behind now on
- 12 that.
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Okay. That answers my
- 14 question, Madam Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 16 Just so I'm clear on this. At one time didn't we
- 17 report a range rather than an absolute number?
- 18 MR. LEAON: That's correct. When we had the data
- 19 to actually do statistical analysis we would include a
- 20 range. But this isn't -- it's just an estimate, and I
- 21 don't think it's really -- there's no way to do it as a
- 22 range.
- 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: The calculation had a
- 24 level of confidence. And through that formula it would
- 25 cause a range to be more accurate, and so that's what we

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- 1 would report. And the Board would approve a range. So
- 2 that we might say it's this number; but there's, you know,
- 3 a half a percent this way and a half a percent that way,
- 4 therefore we'd do a range. So I mean you really have an
- 5 option to do a range or not. We just chose at that time
- 6 to kind of say that we didn't specifically know.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: So the question is: Do
- 9 you want to go through the more detailed understanding of
- 10 the formula? So we can either do that or not, depending
- 11 on the Board's preference.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: New members?
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Yeah, for my edification, if
- 14 it's short, concise, and precise. I want that long
- 15 history in about three minutes.
- 16 (Laughter.)
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Peace, did
- 18 you want to -- you had a question, before you do that.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Yeah. Could you just
- 20 clarify for me then. So the rate that you just came up
- 21 with for 2003, was that rate -- did you calculate that
- 22 using the same assumptions and methodology that you did
- 23 for the 2002 rate? Or did you change how you calculated
- 24 it? Or the way you calculated it this year for the --
- MR. LEAON: Well, we used the approach to

- 1 estimate the rate for 2002 and 2003 --
- 2 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So you used the same
- 3 methodology --
- 4 MR. LEAON: Right. Because last year what the
- 5 Board did was it adopted the 2001 rate again for 2002. So
- 6 we wanted to do a check on our approach to see if it was
- 7 consistent. And using our proportional analysis, we
- 8 estimate the 2002 rate to be 27 percent, which is
- 9 consistent with the findings that staff presented to you
- 10 last year, that the rate would calculate above 25 percent.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: And the way you calculate it
- 12 for 2002 when it was above 25 percent, and no one
- 13 complained about it, you used the same methodology for
- 14 2003. And when it's below 25 percent, now they're
- 15 complaining about the way you calculated that, but they
- 16 didn't when it was above 25 percent?
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Maybe I can clarify.
- 18 We actually did not calculate a 2002 rate last
- 19 year. The last rate that we used the formula for was the
- 20 2001 rate. Then we came forward and said, "We cannot
- 21 calculate a rate in 2002. Our recommendation is that we
- 22 just carry over the 2001 rate and we'll look for a
- 23 methodology to calculate the rate and just not do a
- 24 certification." And the Board agreed to that.
- 25 Then we came back this year, on the Board's

- 1 direction, to -- at the last one when we decided to do
- 2 away with the rate the Board said, "Well, we still want
- 3 you to come back and give us some trend analysis on
- 4 whether you think the rate would be above 25 or not this
- 5 year." So that's this item.
- 6 As part of that kind of formula that they would
- 7 put together -- that is not the true formula, it is just a
- 8 way to take trend data and then do a proportional
- 9 formula -- we decided, "Well, let's see how that would
- 10 have worked for 2002," the year we did not calculate a
- 11 rate. So we went back and looked at 2002. And the same
- 12 formula that we're proposing you look at today that's
- 13 below 25 would have put it at 27 last year.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. So we're
- 16 going to give our concise chronology.
- Okay. And I'll hand it over to Edgar Rojas.
- 18 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 19 Presented as follows.)
- 20 MR. ROJAS: Good morning, Madam Chair and Board
- 21 members. I hope my presentation responds to some of those
- 22 questions that you just had. Because I will be reviewing
- 23 the whole process.
- 24 In 1999 when data from the Waste Characterization
- 25 Study were available, the Board calculated the recycling

- 1 rate for all rigid plastic packaging containers, or
- 2 RPPC's, by dividing the total tons of RPPC's recycled by
- 3 the tons of rigid plastic packaging disposed or generated
- 4 times 100.
- 5 --000--
- 6 MR. ROJAS: Since data from Waste
- 7 Characterization Study were only available every four
- 8 years, a correction factor was applied for the years that
- 9 the study was not performed. The correction factor is
- 10 coming from multiplying the population ratio by the
- 11 national resin sales ratio. That's the national sales
- 12 data where adjusted for California's population to derive
- 13 an estimate of the number of RPPC's sold in California.
- 14 This methodology with the correction factor was
- 15 used up to 2001 when it was considered not reliable due to
- 16 lack of accuracy and data and availability.
- 17 If we were going to predict the recycling rate
- 18 for all containers in the year 2003, we would have to
- 19 analyze each one of the variables in the equation to know
- 20 how each one influences the final recycling rate.
- 21 Using the best and most recent available
- 22 information, staff concluded that the recycling rate for
- 23 all containers in the year 2003 is likely to be below 25
- 24 percent.
- 25 So let me review with you some of the determining

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- 1 issues that do cast this conclusion starting with the
- 2 RPPC's recycled in the numerator.
- 3 Two of the most important organizations
- 4 administering the recycling of PET containers reported a
- 5 reduction in the recycling rate over the last nine years
- 6 in California and in the nation.
- 7 The Department of Conservation, the state agency
- 8 administering the California Redemption Value, or CRV,
- 9 data, indicated that PET beverage container returns
- 10 increased in 2003 compared to 2002. However, it was
- 11 outpaced by increasing in sales. If the sales are larger
- 12 than the returns, then the recycling rate is supposed to
- 13 decline. That's obvious.
- 14 Now, the National Association for PET Containers
- 15 Resources, NAPCOR, cited a continued poor economic or
- 16 marketing conditions in the recycling of PET containers.
- 17 And not only that. The Association of Post-Consumer
- 18 Plastic Processors indicated that there is a shortage in
- 19 the collection of plastic bottles for recycling.
- Now, looking at the other factors. For the
- 21 national resin sales, they remain flat according to a
- 22 report from the American Plastics Council over when is
- 23 slightly down in 2003 compared to 2002. That means that
- 24 the national resin sales factor is really negligible and
- 25 doesn't count very much to the final estimate.

- 1 However, the 2003 sales for polypropylene, PP,
- 2 and PVC show a continuous increase compared to 2002 sales.
- Now, for the population ratio. It doesn't
- 4 produce a meaningful change because the ratio in
- 5 population for the year 2003 is very close to the ratio in
- 6 population for the year 2002. But perhaps the most
- 7 important factor is the amount of RPPC's being generated
- 8 and disposed.
- 9 Staff expects the 2003 Waste Characterization
- 10 Study results of RPPC's disposed to be higher than those
- 11 in the 1999 study.
- --o0o--
- 13 MR. ROJAS: To complement to what I said, here on
- 14 the graph we have the California container recycling
- 15 rates. As we can see, with the exception of probably high
- 16 density polyethylene, the one in blue, the overall
- 17 recycling rates for RPPC's have a downward trend in the
- 18 recycling rates.
- 19 And the declining in PET recycling is due to the
- 20 presence of custom service bottles.
- 21 --00o--
- MR. ROJAS: The Plastic Recycling Update News
- 23 Letter reported an increasing trend in the number of high
- 24 density polyethylene in PVC bottles produced and sold in
- 25 the United States in the year 2003. As we can see, in

- 1 only seven months -- that is the line in red -- the amount
- 2 of PVC bottles sold in the United States tripled. And
- 3 those PVC bottles are very, very seldom being collected
- 4 for recycling.
- 5 --000--
- 6 MR. ROJAS: In addition to the analysis that we
- 7 did for the influence of each one of the valuables in the
- 8 equation, staff derived a method to estimate the 2003
- 9 recycling rate for RPPC's made from PET and for all
- 10 RPPC's.
- 11 Since the recycling rate for the PET beverage
- 12 containers, or CRV's, is proportional -- let me see if I
- 13 can show that. Since the recycling rate, or CRV's, .36 is
- 14 proportional to the recycling rate of RPPC's made from PET
- 15 .32, by just following the rule of proportions we
- 16 estimated the recycling rates for RPPC's made from PET in
- 17 2002 and also the recycling rate for RPPC's made from PET
- 18 in the year 2003 and we came out with 31 percent.
- 19 The calculation is illustrated underneath the
- 20 table. So we just say mathematically that .36 is to .32
- 21 as .35 is to the RPPC for the year 2003, which is 31
- 22 percent.
- --000--
- 24 MR. ROJAS: In the same fashion, staff derived
- 25 the estimate for the all rigid plastic packaging

- 1 containers in the year 2003 and came out with 23.9
- 2 percent. And this is based -- or this approach -- this
- 3 approach is based on the assumption that the composition
- 4 of all container recycled or the composition of all RPPC's
- 5 remains the same for the year 2003.
- 6 So mathematically that would be like .37 -- I
- 7 think you can see it -- .37 is to the recycling rate in
- 8 the year 2001, which is 26.1 is to .34 as the recycling
- 9 rate for the 2003 is 23.9. That's the estimated value.
- 10 And I think that responds to the questions that
- 11 you had previously.
- --o0o--
- 13 MR. ROJAS: The conclusion is: A qualitative
- 14 analysis based on best available information of each of
- 15 the factors influencing the rigid plastic packaging
- 16 container recycling rate strongly suggests an
- 17 all-container recycling rate below 25 percent for 2003.
- 18 The interim approach for estimating RPPC
- 19 recycling rates supports the results of the qualitative
- 20 analysis.
- 21 --00o--
- MR. ROJAS: Staff recommends to adopt an
- 23 all-container rate for 23.9 percent and a PET recycling
- 24 rate of 31 percent to be used for the year 2004 compliance
- 25 and direct staff to conduct a certification of 75 product

- 1 manufacturers, and also adopt Resolution No. 2004-185.
- 2 That concludes my presentation. And staff is
- 3 available for responding to any of your questions.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 5 Questions?
- 6 Mr. Paparian.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 8 Can you, I don't know, Patty or any other staff,
- 9 kind of give us the big picture. What happens if it's
- 10 over 25 percent or under 25 percent?
- 11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right. If it's over 25
- 12 percent, then all the companies are deemed in compliance
- 13 and, therefore, no compliance certification is necessary.
- 14 So in this case we're saying we do not think it's
- 15 over 25 percent and, therefore, we should certify some
- 16 number of companies to verify the data.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. And so what does
- 18 that mean? When you go out and do that, what does that
- 19 mean?
- 20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: They have to tell us their
- 21 personal situation of how much they purchased and how much
- 22 recycled content is in their product or if they
- 23 light-weighted a product or -- they should be doing that
- 24 anyway because, you know, whether it's -- if it's over it
- 25 just indicates that the majority of them are doing it is

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- 1 what it's saying. But if it's under they have to sort of,
- 2 you know, show us the facts that supported their personal
- 3 conclusion as to what their company did.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: And what do we do with
- 5 that information?
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Then we develop -- if
- 7 it's accurate and they're fine and they were over 25
- 8 percent as an individual company, they're fine. If they
- 9 are not, then the Board has gone through a process of
- 10 compliance agreements that says, "We're going to write up
- 11 an agreement with you that says by such and such a date
- 12 you're going to implement these things to get there."
- 13 And then we've worked with companies with -- and
- 14 you've seen, you know, thousands of those come forward. I
- 15 think the last batch was like 990. And so we're just
- 16 finishing those up. And if they meet that compliance
- 17 agreement, then we bring it back to you and say, "It looks
- 18 like they got to 25 percent through these methodologies,"
- 19 or we pulled some out that were small companies because
- 20 you felt like they had a diminimous effect. And then if
- 21 they're still noncompliant and can't do that, we bring
- 22 them forward either for a stipulated agreement, which
- 23 means they have a defined penalty, or we take them to a
- 24 hearing.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 2 Ms. Marin.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Madam Chair.
- 4 But one of the things that I was trying to figure
- 5 out, why is it that it's so important? Why 24.5 versus
- 6 23.9? What comes to the crux of the problem? Now, if I
- 7 understand correctly, we will have -- by law, right, we
- 8 need to achieve 25 percent? That is something that is
- 9 very clearly stipulated, right? We are mandated to have
- 10 that number.
- 11 So then the question -- I could understand why
- 12 people would want to make sure that we're as close to 25
- 13 as we could possibly be. And I now then understood why
- 14 23.9 versus anything else is not acceptable.
- 15 However, the options that we have, the Board --
- 16 what would be the options? The options is, unless we work
- 17 with guestimates, we would have to do an actual --
- 18 literally an actual count. We would have to go back and
- 19 certify the thousands of agents -- the thousands of
- 20 companies. Then if I recall, this would take us back to
- 21 when we did an audit of 1,000 or 2,000 companies. Within
- 22 two years we did that?
- 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: It was a three-year
- 24 combined. And it basically would be impossible to get an
- 25 actual rate by going to all the companies.

- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: So, clearly, we don't have
- 2 very many options. What we are suggesting -- what staff
- 3 is suggesting, that we go out and audit 75? Otherwise it
- 4 would be a thousand?
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right. Or you have any
- 6 option on the number. That's one of the discretions that
- 7 the Board has. So if you decide to adopt a rate -- first
- 8 of all you can decide to adopt or rate or not. If you
- 9 adopt a rate, and it's below 25 percent, then you have the
- 10 option to do compliance certifications and you have the
- 11 option to decide how many of those.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Because what I want to do is
- 13 I want to do what the law says we ought to do. And if the
- 14 law says you ought to recycle 25 percent, and for whatever
- 15 reason we are not there, we need to do, Madam Chair,
- 16 whatever we can to ensure that we comply with the law.
- 17 So that leaves a couple of questions for us. How
- 18 do we achieve that? And it may be that this is only one
- 19 portion. I am thinking, is our marketing campaign not as
- 20 good as it used to be? Maybe we need to revitalize our
- 21 marketing efforts to ensure that more and more people -- I
- 22 want to see this as a bigger issue. This is just one
- 23 method, one portion of -- the bigger question for the
- 24 Board is how do we achieve 25 percent.
- 25 So that's where I am, Madam Chair, right now.

- 1 And I just see this as one -- a small, tiny piece of a
- 2 bigger puzzle.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 4 Patty, why -- you know, just big picture. Why is
- 5 the rate going down? Are the companies stepping up with
- 6 programs? Why is this? I mean --
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Well --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Don't want to put
- 9 you on the spot. But --
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Well, if I could only
- 11 solve that problem.
- 12 I think we -- we tried to explain basically that,
- 13 you know, the fact that these kind of bottles are, you
- 14 know, hugely popular and there's a lot of these ending up
- 15 in the waste stream. Not to mention that a lot of things
- 16 that used to be made out of other things are now being
- 17 made out of plastic. So plastic is, you know, a very
- 18 popular product.
- 19 With that, yeah, we feel like it's necessary to
- 20 develop markets to help that. But there's still even
- 21 these that have a 5 cent tag on them I believe, you know,
- 22 are only being recycled at a 30 percent rate. So that
- 23 tells you even that's not an incentive enough to get these
- 24 out of the landfill.
- 25 So I think that's what our white paper attempted

- 1 to do, to look at some of those broader pictures. I think
- 2 the Board voted on not doing a rate because they wanted
- 3 staff to utilize their resources towards not calculating a
- 4 rate but looking at market development. You know, we have
- 5 limited staff there and they've always been on the
- 6 regulatory side. And I think we want to pull back a
- 7 little bit from that and focus on the markets development.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: And maybe --
- 9 since we have a lot of industry people that want to speak,
- 10 maybe they can address, or maybe you can, what the
- 11 industry's doing.
- 12 MR. LEAON: Madam Chair, may I respond to some of
- 13 the comments?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes. And I know
- 15 Ms. Mulé wants to speak too.
- 16 Yes.
- 17 MR. LEAON: This is Mike Leaon with the Plastics
- 18 Recycling Technology Section.
- 19 You know, I did want to clarify that the
- 20 recycling rates -- we are not holding any individual
- 21 company to demonstrate compliance to the 25 percent
- 22 threshold for the all-container rate or the 55 percent
- 23 threshold for the PET rate.
- 24 Those were included in law to allow companies to
- 25 use those rates as a demonstration of compliance if they

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- 1 were above those threshold values.
- 2 Now, one of the issues that I talked about in my
- 3 presentation is these recycling rates are driven by
- 4 beverage container recycling. Beverage containers are
- 5 exempted, along with food and cosmetic containers, from
- 6 having to demonstrate compliance. So the rates are not an
- 7 effective measure of the recycling of regulated
- 8 containers.
- 9 And that is why the Board took its action in
- 10 April to support repeal of those recycling rates. We
- 11 invest a lot of time and effort in regard to these
- 12 recycling rates. But in a large sense it bears no direct
- 13 relationship to the effectiveness of the program. So
- 14 that's why we want to move away from spending time on the
- 15 recycling rates, and focus instead on conducting annual
- 16 certifications.
- Now, what we've heard from processors is that
- 18 this law is important to them, and that when the Board
- 19 enforces this law and individual companies have an
- 20 expectation that they may be required to demonstrate
- 21 compliance, there's a greater possibility that they're
- 22 going to make more effort to use recycled content in
- 23 regulated containers.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 25 much.

- 1 Ms. Mulé.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Yes. I just have a quick
- 3 question for either Patty or Mike.
- 4 Based on the fact that this formula was developed
- 5 using assumptions, and in the presentation that Ed had put
- 6 together -- which was very good, thank you -- I noticed
- 7 that the manufacturing or the use of PVC and polypropylene
- 8 containers had increased, so do we know that they have in
- 9 fact -- the recycling rates have gone up for those
- 10 containers or not? And maybe that's something that
- 11 industry can answer. Because, again, if we're using
- 12 assumptions -- I mean I know we -- I just want to make
- 13 sure we're being as accurate as we can, given the fact
- 14 that we're using a new formula and we're changing that.
- 15 So that's basically what I was wondering. So
- 16 maybe industry can answer that.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Peace.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I have a question for
- 20 Michael.
- 21 You said you're trying to get -- work at the
- 22 Legislature to get rid of the necessity to calculate the
- 23 rate. So if SB 1729 does pass and it gets rid of that
- 24 necessity to even calculate a recycling rate, that means
- 25 that all of the RPPC manufacturers are going to have to

- 1 certify compliance anyway, right?
- 2 MR. LEAON: The effect of that change will give
- 3 the Board the discretion to determine whether it wants to
- 4 conduct a certification. You don't have to do a
- 5 certification every year, but you will have the discretion
- 6 to make that determination.
- 7 And who you're requiring to demonstrate
- 8 individual compliance is product manufacturers, not the
- 9 container manufacturers. The law regulates the company
- 10 that puts its label on that container.
- 11 And what you will be requiring them to certify to
- 12 is that they've met one of the other compliance options
- 13 provided in the law. Either they're using source reduced
- 14 containers, recycled content containers, or reusable
- 15 refillable containers.
- And by doing so, staff believes that we'll be
- 17 doing more to really directly support the intent of this
- 18 law, to divert material from landfilling, conserve
- 19 resources, and to support the recycling infrastructure in
- 20 California.
- BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 23 I think now we will go to the speakers. Please
- 24 be concise. We have quite a few.
- 25 We'll start with George Larson, American Plastics

- 1 Council, followed by Scott Smithline, Californians Against
- 2 Waste.
- 3 Good morning.
- 4 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. George
- 5 Larson representing American Plastics Council. Proud to
- 6 be here to comment on California's most popular law.
- 7 (Laughter.)
- 8 MR. LARSON: I have a couple of comments. One
- 9 due to -- which relates to process and one which relates
- 10 to accuracy.
- 11 In the process of holding interested parties
- 12 meetings it was indicated at the most recent interested
- 13 parties meeting that a new formula was under consideration
- 14 and it was in the preliminary stages of being developed
- 15 and that it would lead at some point after further
- 16 discussion to a new way to calculate the rate. And that
- 17 subsequently changed to become the process, and the rate
- 18 that was offered as a preliminary estimate now becomes the
- 19 firm rate, 23.9.
- 20 That's just the process question of how we got
- 21 from what was described to where we are today.
- 22 Secondly, and most importantly, the fact that it
- 23 is a specific point in percentage, 23.9, versus a range
- 24 causes me to have some problems. When the description of
- 25 the process, using words that were used today are "likely

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- 1 to be, " "strongly suggests, " "best available information, "
- 2 and out of the agenda item itself, "cannot calculate an
- 3 accurate and precise 2003 rate, " again causes me problems.
- 4 In the past the American Plastics Council
- 5 provided \$500,000 to the Integrated Waste Management Board
- 6 to conduct a scientific study of the RPPC's in the waste
- 7 stream through a waste characterization. Cascadia
- 8 Consulting Company was contracted by the Board to conduct
- 9 that study. They happen to be the one who are now
- 10 conducting the current study, which we do not have the
- 11 details on yet, which would be I think important to this
- 12 discussion today. They should be ready by the end of
- 13 summer.
- 14 But in that process where Cascadia Consulting
- 15 conducted actual field sorts, used and applied scientific
- 16 practices, they came back with their best estimate in a
- 17 range.
- Now, given all the what I consider to be
- 19 estimated or I think, as Ms. Marin said, guestimated
- 20 numbers, how can we be so absolutely confident and precise
- 21 that it's 23.9 versus a range on either side?
- 22 As to what the impact is on this, I will only
- 23 introduce that Randy Pollack will have some comments on
- 24 the direct impacts of what the certification means to
- 25 companies in California. I would propose that the efforts

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- 1 of your staff to conduct certifications could prove much
- 2 more productive if those staff were redirected to the
- 3 efforts of promoting market development rather than
- 4 chasing certification forms around in the state and
- 5 outside the state.
- 6 So I believe that this issue is not fully cooked,
- 7 not fully baked, and we need some more consideration on
- 8 how we got to where we are. And I would request -- I
- 9 understand that there is a representative from the
- 10 Department of Conservation here. The numbers have
- 11 changed. This chart has changed three times since that
- 12 interested parties meeting. What are the numbers? How
- 13 can we make a policy decision based on elusive numbers
- 14 that are changing. Now, if they come here today at the
- 15 point in time where policy is being made and say, "These
- 16 are the numbers," that will be the first time we'll all
- 17 see them.
- 18 So I think we need to go back and take a look at
- 19 this whole process with a little more scrutiny. I
- 20 appreciate that.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 22 Larson.
- 23 Scott Smithline, Californians Against Waste,
- 24 followed by Randy Pollack, Soap and Detergent Association.
- 25 MR. SMITHLINE: Good morning, Madam Chair, Board

- 1 members. I'm Scott Smithline with Californians Against
- 2 Waste.
- 3 I'm here today to ask you to support the staff
- 4 recommendation number 1 and adopt and publish the
- 5 recycling rates and require certifications.
- 6 In response to concerns voiced by this Board and
- 7 other stakeholders Californians Against Waste is
- 8 sponsoring Senate Bill 1729 by Senator Chesbro. This bill
- 9 will remove, as your staff has already said this morning,
- 10 the all-container rate and the PET container rate as
- 11 compliance options and hopefully put an end to this
- 12 numbers game. As you know, these recycling rates really
- 13 misrepresent the RPPC recycling rate by the inclusion of
- 14 exempt bottle bill containers.
- So, again -- well, just let's put an end to this
- 16 numbers game. We urge you to adopt staff's recommendation
- 17 number 1.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 20 Smithline.
- 21 Randy Pollack, Soap an Detergent Association,
- 22 followed by Evan Edgar.
- 23 MR. POLLACK: Madam Chair, members of the Board.
- 24 First of all I'd like to welcome Member Marin and Member
- 25 Mulé to the Board. And also I'd like to take this

- 1 opportunity to thank the Board for postponing this until
- 2 today, as many of my colleagues, we had legislative
- 3 hearings yesterday.
- 4 I just wanted to respond, provide a little bit of
- 5 information of what companies go through in trying to
- 6 certify when they're in compliance. I represent the Soap
- 7 and Detergent Association, the Cosmetic, Toiletry and
- 8 Fragrance Association and many small companies.
- 9 What we're talking about is a huge universe. Any
- 10 company in the United States that manufactures a product
- 11 that is in a reclosable package or in a container that
- 12 goes from eight ounces up to five gallons and ships it
- 13 into California is under this law.
- 14 What we have found over the last couple of years
- 15 is that most people know nothing about this law. One of
- 16 the things that we have been trying to do, and in talking
- 17 with the Board, is that before we move forward with
- 18 additional certifications, let's analyze the current
- 19 program.
- We have done over 1,000 certifications. And
- 21 during that time we've had many small companies, who have
- 22 had to respond from out of state, who have expended a lot
- 23 of money to try and demonstrate something they aren't
- 24 quite sure what they're supposed to be demonstrating, to
- 25 large companies who I represent from the Soap and

- 1 Detergent Association who are in compliance with the law.
- 2 I'd like to give you two examples of how this
- 3 works out. I represent one company that several years ago
- 4 supplied some compliance information. It took probably
- 5 several, maybe 10, 20, \$30,000 to do that, if not more.
- 6 They're coming back again this year and they're asked to
- 7 certify once again.
- 8 This company has 900 product lines. Now, you're
- 9 wondering how could a company have 900 product lines. You
- 10 take a product, it could be sold in 8 ounces, 12 ounces,
- 11 16, 32, all the way up. So you can see how that can
- 12 multiply out. What these companies have to do is they
- 13 have to contact their container manufacturers. Now in
- 14 most instances they don't go to one container
- 15 manufacturer. They may go to a wholesaler, who then
- 16 branches it out. So you send a letter to one container
- 17 manufacturer who might have to ship it out to eight other
- 18 people. So we're talking about volumes of paper. Then
- 19 you have to get back this information and start to
- 20 calculate it. And If you could just see the amount of
- 21 time and effort that goes into this, it is enormous.
- 22 There was one company that had a product and they
- 23 had to demonstrate to the Board that they could not be in
- 24 compliance because their container would leak. They spent
- 25 \$25,000 do prove to this Board that they could not be in

- 1 compliance.
- Now, if we're going to be a business-friendly
- 3 state, I don't believe this is the way to do it. What I
- 4 believe is very important, is that we have a thousand
- 5 certifications out there. Let's review them. Let's see
- 6 what works, what doesn't work: Where have we run into
- 7 problems? Are we not getting back the information in
- 8 time? Can we assist them in providing more information?
- 9 Have we ever done a marketing campaign to let
- 10 people know about this program?
- 11 And so those are our major concerns.
- 12 Additionally, I am also concerned, is that, it
- 13 was stated before, that in the past when a company is not
- 14 in compliance, they have entered into a compliance
- 15 agreement. It's my understanding that that is no longer
- 16 an option, that there has been a penalty structure that is
- 17 now in place that if you even return your form late,
- 18 you're going to be assessed a penalty or be referred over
- 19 to an administrative law judge for determination of this.
- 20 So I don't believe that -- the compliance agreements from
- 21 my understanding are no longer in place.
- 22 And so what we're very concerned is there is a
- 23 budget item in this year's budget that calls for a million
- 24 dollars in fine and penalties that's set up under the
- 25 California Integrated Waste Management Board. It's been

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- 1 indicated to us it's a I placeholder. But from business I
- 2 can tell you, we're very concerned about that.
- 3 And, finally, let me just mention, I represent
- 4 several small businesses. The problem that they have is
- 5 they cannot force their container manufacturers to give
- 6 them a recycled container that they can afford. It is
- 7 difficult for us. We can't force changes. And I
- 8 understand that if you're a very large company, you may be
- 9 able to do that. But for the majority of the companies
- 10 out there, the companies can't force the change. They
- 11 don't have the power. Because the container manufacturers
- 12 are going to go, "Well, we're going to charge you double
- 13 for that container or go somewhere else. Because for your
- 14 run of 20,000 bottles, we aren't going to do it for you."
- 15 And so we hope that the Board would take this
- 16 into consideration. And if they do accept this rate,
- 17 which we believe also is flawed, that we'd ask that
- 18 there'd be no compliance for the year 2004.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 21 much.
- 22 Evan Edgar.
- 23 Mr. Edgar, are you just representing yourself or
- 24 are you representing someone today?
- 25 MR. EDGAR: Madam Chair, Board members. Evan

- 1 Edgar. I've been representing California Refuse Removal
- 2 Council for 12 years.
- We are the --
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well, I know you
- 5 all wear different hats sometimes.
- 6 MR. EDGAR: It's a white hat though.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: It's a white hat.
- 8 Oh, okay.
- 9 MR. EDGAR: Yeah, we represent over 100 curbside
- 10 operators and 50 MRF processors. And I've been
- 11 representing -- Edgar Associates have been representing
- 12 California Refuse Removal Council for the last 12 years.
- 13 And you've met my brother Sean on many occasions. So we
- 14 welcome the new Board members to this Board.
- 15 Right now curbside is reaching 70 percent of the
- 16 Californians. And we have a lot of collection and
- 17 processing opportunities. I represent over 100 curbside
- 18 programs and over 50 MRF's in the State of California. We
- 19 have the facilities. And we would like to support Option
- 20 No. 1. And we are supporting SB 1729 because of the fact
- 21 that this recycling rate is indicative of market
- 22 development for post-consumer plastics, that we need to
- 23 benchmark the success of using minimum content and the
- 24 plastics reuse.
- 25 We collect the containers. We have the

- 1 technology. We collect them every day. So the collection
- 2 is there. For years there was rhetoric that there wasn't
- 3 collection opportunities. There are. What we would like
- 4 to see is having some market development. Instead of a
- 5 marketing campaign about this bill, let's do some market
- 6 development for the use of post-consumers' RPPC's. That's
- 7 what we'd be looking forward to.
- 8 The California Board can force changes. That's
- 9 why we're here. People say we can't force changes.
- 10 Change is here. So with SB 1729 and Option No. 1 we
- 11 believe that certification is key in order to have
- 12 indicative of what is a minimum recycled content rate of
- 13 RPPC's. So with that we support Option No. 1.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 16 much.
- 17 And that concludes our speakers.
- 18 Did anyone have any questions? Did we want to
- 19 hear from DOC?
- 20 Mr. Paparian, did you have a question?
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: No, I was going to make a
- 22 motion. But go ahead If you have --
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Who is the
- 24 representative from DOC?
- 25 Could you come forth and state your name for the

- 1 record.
- 2 MR. GETSKEY: Madam Chairman, members of the
- 3 Board. Chris Getskey from Department of Conservation.
- 4 Jim Ferguson and Chuck Sideler send their
- 5 apologies. They had previous engagements, and I'm here
- 6 representing them.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: So you're
- 8 verifying that these are the rates that -- exact rates?
- 9 MR. GETSKEY: What we --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I mean let's get
- 11 it on the record.
- MR. GETSKEY: Basically in working with some
- 13 questions that have come to us recently, what we are
- 14 prepared to say is that to date there have been no
- 15 official reportings for calendar year 2003 sales and
- 16 returns on beverage container materials. Any data
- 17 provided to date would necessarily be preliminary.
- 18 The PET recycling rate did drop in 2003 to 35
- 19 percent from a 2002 rate of 36 percent. One percent drop.
- 20 The PET beverage container returns increased in
- 21 that same year 2003 to 1.9 billion, which was an increase
- 22 compared to 2002 of approximately 259 million.
- 23 However, the PET beverage container sales
- 24 increased also in 2003 to 5.5 billion, which was an
- 25 increase compared to the previous year of 821 million

- 1 beverage containers.
- 2 Thus the recycling rate decreases because the
- 3 sales increase outpaces the returns increase, as was
- 4 mentioned earlier.
- 5 For HDPE the recycling rate according to current
- 6 data dropped to 34 percent from a 2002 rate of 42 percent.
- 7 The returns for HDPE beverage containers decreased to 176
- 8 million in 2003, which was a decrease compared to the
- 9 previous year of approximately 5 million containers.
- 10 HDPE sales increased to 525 million in 2003,
- 11 which was an increase as compared to 2002 of approximately
- 12 98 million beverage containers.
- 13 Those are the numbers that we have available at
- 14 this time.
- The volume of beverage containers returned is
- 16 based on weight as actually reported in actual pounds, and
- 17 is then converted by factors that are estimated from some
- 18 fairly well developed methodologies. And we develop a
- 19 container-per-pound estimator. That CPP is based on
- 20 sampling and, therefore, there is a certain level of error
- 21 based on the fact that it is a sampling methodology. That
- 22 error rate is not something that we calculate.
- 23 So the error rate is not calculated for the
- 24 beverage container returns that we report. And it is not
- 25 known if published recycling rates are accurate to two or

- 1 three significant digits.
- 2 And insofar as the RPPC rate involves several
- 3 factors not determined by the DOC, the Department really
- 4 is not in a position to evaluate if one RPPC recycling
- 5 rate as determined and discussed here today is better than
- 6 the other.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 8 much.
- 9 I think we have some questions for you.
- 10 Mr. Paparian.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: If I was following your
- 12 numbers there, it looks -- it looks like the numbers we
- 13 have in our revised chart are consistent with the numbers
- 14 that you were reading off --
- MR. GETSKEY: As best I could --
- 16 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: -- the 35 percent and 34
- 17 percent for 2003. And then if the 42 percent was right
- 18 for 2002, we may actually be overestimating the recycling
- 19 rate by a very slight amount, because it looks like we
- 20 have 43 percent on our chart.
- MR. GETSKEY: Yes.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So it seems to be
- 23 consistent with the numbers that we're using.
- 24 MR. GETSKEY: As best I can determine from Mr.
- 25 Rojas' earlier presentation, those numbers were consistent

- 1 with our numbers, yes, sir.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 4 Ms. Peace.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I'd just like to say, you
- 6 know, industry thinks that this contributes to a
- 7 business-unfriendly California. But it is the law, and it
- 8 does help contribute to less of our natural resources
- 9 going to the landfill.
- 10 So I haven't seen enough evidence to convince me
- 11 that the RPPC recycling rate is anywhere near 25 percent.
- 12 And I support the assumption staff have made to come up
- 13 with the 23.9 rate. And I guess I'd much rather see what
- 14 manufacturers are really doing to comply with this law
- 15 rather than bicker over a recycling rate. So I do support
- 16 staff's recommendation.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you,
- 18 Ms. Peace.
- 19 Before we go to any motions, I have a question
- 20 for Mr. Wohl.
- 21 In your opinion and your staff's opinion, do you
- 22 think that the money spent for the audits and
- 23 certifications is money well spent, better than if we put
- 24 it into something -- the money into looking for programs?
- 25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I think we've discussed

- 1 this before. We do see that many companies change their
- 2 processes and increase the amount of recycled content
- 3 plastic they use based --
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: -- by the
- 5 certification models.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: -- through the compliance
- 7 agreement. But, again, it is time intensive. So I think
- 8 that's why we sort of recommended the 75 or, you know, a
- 9 lower number.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I know, this is a
- 11 tough one. And I appreciate all the work, Mr. Leaon too.
- 12 Ms. Marin.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Madam Chair, there are --
- 14 you know, coming to the Board and having this is so
- 15 enlightening and fascinating. One of my questions -- and,
- 16 you know, I can see where some people, just by looking at
- 17 how we've changed the numbers especially in the last
- 18 couple of weeks or so, maybe even a couple of days, would
- 19 be very skeptical about the fact that at the end of the
- 20 day -- no matter how much we change, at the end of the day
- 21 the figure continues to be 23.9.
- I can see where critics of what we're attempting
- 23 to do may find it almost comical because we have -- we
- 24 change all the numbers but the result is the same. And I
- 25 would consider that -- I would question how is it that

- 1 after all of that that the number is the same as well.
- 2 Knowing full well that the real intent of what we're
- 3 really attempting to do here is complying with the law of
- 4 25 percent. And no matter how much we do this, it doesn't
- 5 come up to 25 percent or 24.
- 6 My question is, when we were using the
- 7 methodologies that we were using -- that we're using
- 8 today, at some point in time it was 27 percent. Now, if I
- 9 am incorrect, I want to be -- but the way that I see is we
- 10 were using these methodologies before and we were
- 11 achieving 27 percent. We're using the methodologies today
- 12 and now we're seeing 23.9 percent. Is that a true
- 13 statement?
- 14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Well, let me just clarify.
- 15 This is the first time we've ever used this methodology.
- 16 But we did go look back a year to say if we used this same
- 17 methodology, what would it have looked like last year.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Oh, so that's where it gets
- 19 the 25 percent.
- 20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: And that's when it was
- 21 above the 25. So it sort of showed that it wasn't just
- 22 that it was going to show it below a 25 no matter what,
- 23 because in last year's data it actually showed it above.
- 24 So we felt that added some validity to the proportional.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: So then the question is: Is

- 1 it there a particular number? I mean is it 75? And who
- 2 would chose the 75? And what methodology will we used?
- 3 Do we have that yet established or not? Would it be the
- 4 same -- you know, 75 of the 1,000 that we wouldn't certify
- 5 or brand new 75? Is there a magic number? Is there a
- 6 magic criteria? Because no matter what we do, I am sure
- 7 questions would be as to why is it that one particular
- 8 company versus anybody else would be chosen. Are we there
- 9 yet?
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I was just going to --
- 11 MR. LEAON: I can respond to that, Patty, if
- 12 you'd like.
- 13 Yes, for the last certification that we noticed
- 14 the last April, which was for the 2001 reporting effort,
- 15 we did a concerted effort to only include in that
- 16 certification companies that are large and that have an
- 17 impact on California.
- 18 And we are recommending to the Board that in any
- 19 one year you don't do more than 100 companies in a
- 20 certification, is we feel that's the maximum manageable
- 21 amount given our staff resources. But the number you want
- 22 to certify is really at your discretion.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- Mr. Washington's been waiting very patiently.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

- 1 You know, I'm not there. I believe that this
- 2 item -- let me ask Patty or Mike, is this something that
- 3 has to be passed by this Board today? And if it doesn't,
- 4 what happens?
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I think -- we made a
- 6 commitment to the industry to give them a six month notice
- 7 on the change in rate because we were always doing it
- 8 backwards. So now they know. And it would be effective
- 9 for the January 1st, so it gives them that notice.
- 10 It's not hard and fast. It was just the
- 11 commitment we tried to make to them.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: All right. Thank you.
- 13 And so, Madam Chair, I'm not prepared to support
- 14 this. I think there's a number of issues that are
- 15 involved here. I didn't hear very much about the margin
- 16 of error. And there's an undue consequence that does
- 17 exist, Ms. Peace, in California. And there's a reality to
- 18 what we're doing here as it relates to businesses. And
- 19 the small businesses and those other folks will be
- 20 affected by this. And I think all these things should be
- 21 taken into consideration before we begin this
- 22 certification process.
- 23 So I'm probably the loner up here on this issue,
- 24 but I think some more work needs to be done here. I think
- 25 there needs to be more discussions taking place.

- 1 And, you know, with that, Madam Chair, whatever
- 2 the Board wants to do, I'm not going to support it today.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 4 Mr. Paparian.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 6 And I understand but respectfully disagree with
- 7 my colleague, Mr. Washington. I think we're ready for
- 8 this one.
- 9 And I'll go ahead and move Resolution 2004-185,
- 10 consideration of the Rigid Plastic Packaging Container,
- 11 All-Container, and Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
- 12 recycling rates to be used for compliance year 2004.
- BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- 15 motion and a second.
- Did you wish to comment, Ms. Marin, before we
- 17 vote?
- 18 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you
- 19 for the courtesy.
- 20 One of the things that -- if we were not to vote
- 21 on this today, if this were to go down, then we would need
- 22 to give staff very clear direction as to what is it that
- 23 needs to be brought back. I appreciate the concern of Mr.
- 24 Washington, and my concern as well is, if we're going to
- 25 ask industry to do something specific, and what we have is

- 1 only best-guess estimates with some margin of errors --
- 2 and we all deal with margin of errors, but I would be -- I
- 3 would be remiss, Madam Chair, that we would be voting on
- 4 something where there is still some serious concerns about
- 5 the numbers themselves. And I don't know if we will ever
- 6 have real hard numbers on this one.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 Okay. I'm going to call for the question. We
- 9 have a motion by Mr. Paparian, seconded by Ms. Peace, to
- 10 approve resolution 2004-185.
- 11 Please call the roll.
- 12 SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin?
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: No.
- 14 SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?
- 15 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: No.
- 16 SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 18 SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace?
- BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Aye.
- 20 SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?
- BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: No.
- 22 SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye.
- We have a tie vote.
- Ms. Carter.

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1 CHIEF COUNSEL CARTER: Madam Chair, in that
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- 2 situation the matter does not go forward. You can
- 3 certainly give staff direction to come back at a later
- 4 point in time if that's what you'd prefer.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. I --
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Can I just comment?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Wohl.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I don't know if staff can
- 9 actually do anything else with this.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I know.
- 11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: So I think if you're at
- 12 that point, then you should make the motion the other way,
- 13 which is that you're not ready to commit to a recycling
- 14 rate. But we're not in a position to get any more data or
- 15 anything else. We've sort of given you the trend data,
- 16 what we think is the rate. And we're just at the point of
- 17 either accepting a rate or not accepting a rate. I don't
- 18 know if any more discussion can get us any closer to a
- 19 rate.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I hear you. And
- 21 I do want to thank the staff very, very much. I know this
- 22 is a real tough one and you've worked very, very hard on
- 23 it. And, you know, we've had many discussions on it.
- Ms. Peace.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So if we don't adopt a rate,

1 this doesn't go through and we don't adopt a rate, then

- 2 you don't do certifications?
- 3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: That's correct.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: But then if the Chesbro bill
- 5 passes over in the Senate, does that mean then we will be
- 6 then required to do certifications next year?
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right, I would assume that
- 8 would go forward for -- beginning 2004 for the 2005 year,
- 9 yeah.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Okay. Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: One way we could
- 12 do it is if -- would take a look at Option 2, adopting the
- 13 rate but not conducting the certification. Is that a way
- 14 we could go? Would that be a compromise?
- 15 Ms. Mulé, would you like to try that one?
- 16 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Okay. I move that we adopt
- 17 Option 2 for -- now, would that be resolution 2004-185
- 18 or --
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: It's just as revised. So
- 20 the same number as revised.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Oh, as revised. Okay.
- Okay. As revised. And Option 2 would be to
- 23 adopt the all-container rate of 23.9 percent and a PET
- 24 recycling rate of 31 percent to be used for the 2004
- 25 compliance year. And direct staff not to conduct

- 1 certification.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Do we have
- 3 a second on that?
- 4 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: I'll second that.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- 6 motion by Ms. Mulé, seconded by Ms. Marin, to approve
- 7 Option 2 to adopt -- and that was stated on the record by
- 8 Ms. Mulé.
- 9 Please call the roll.
- 10 SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin?
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
- 12 SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?
- BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 14 SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?
- 15 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm sorry. I wanted to
- 16 ask -- I don't understand the motion, and I wanted to ask
- 17 a question --
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well, it's Option
- 19 No. 2.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I understand.
- 21 So we would be adopting this rate, but
- 22 instructing staff not to enforce the law, as I read the
- 23 motion.
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Well, the Board has
- 25 discretion always on whether to do the certifications or

- 1 not. Whether the rate is above or below, they still have
- 2 an option to do that.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So the meaning of the
- 4 rate would be -- we would adopt a rate, but we wouldn't
- 5 enforce that rate in any way. We wouldn't go out and
- 6 enforce it. It would be to me a meaningless rate. But I
- 7 want to make sure I'm understanding. That's why I'm
- 8 asking, I want to understand --
- 9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I think you're correct. I
- 10 think the only thing it does is send a message that we
- 11 feel it's below 25 percent and that efforts need to be
- 12 made to, you know --
- 13 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Right. But who's the
- 14 message -- yeah, I don't see the message getting anywhere.
- 15 I have to vote no. I don't see this -- it doesn't seem
- 16 the right way to go. I think we would have to really get
- 17 into the heart of what we're going to do in lieu of
- 18 enforcing the law. So I vote no on this.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Continue
- 20 please.
- 21 SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I don't particularly like it
- 23 either, but I'll vote aye.
- 24 SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?
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- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye.
- 3 Okay. Thank you.
- We'll take a short break right now.
- 5 Oh, just a moment.
- 6 Okay. We have a little bit of an emergency.
- 7 SMUD has had a substation go down and they're asking for
- 8 help. So we're going to be turning off the lights to
- 9 minimum in the back. The airconditioning will be set
- 10 higher. And if your computer is on upstairs, please turn
- 11 it off in order to cooperate with SMUD.
- 12 Thank you. And we'll take a ten-minute break.
- 13 (Thereupon a recess was taken.)
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I think we're
- 15 going to go ahead and get started.
- Good morning to Ms. Cole. Nice to see you.
- 17 Okay. I have no ex partes.
- 18 Mr. Marin, do you have any?
- 19 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: No, I don't.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Washington?
- BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah, one person.
- 22 Randy Pollack with Item 17.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Mr.
- 24 Paparian?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Just Kit Cole and also

- 1 George Larson.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 Ms. Peace?
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: No, I just said hi to Kit
- 5 Cole and George Larson and John Cupps.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Ms. Mulé?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: I just said hello to Kit Cole
- 8 and Mr. Larson.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 Okay. We're going to go to -- Ms. Packard, are
- 11 you ready?
- Okay. We'll be going to Item No. 30 now.
- 13 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PACKARD: Thank you, Madam
- 14 Chair. Rubia Packard with the Policy Office.
- 15 I'm here today to introduce Agenda Item 30, which
- 16 is the presentation by the contractor of a report on the
- 17 study to assess methods to increase public and community
- 18 participation in Board processes. This was Contract No.
- 19 IWM-C0206.
- 20 This item is a presentation of the report on the
- 21 study which was conducted by the contractor, the
- 22 University of California Santa Cruz through the Center for
- 23 Justice, Tolerance and Community at the University. It
- 24 provides the Board with recommendations on how the Board
- 25 may effectively increase participation in

- 1 community-based -- the participation of community-based
- 2 groups in the Board's activities, grants and processes.
- 3 This is the final presentation and the final report.
- 4 Before I introduce Dr. Pastor who will be making
- 5 the presentation, I did want to address a question that
- 6 came up in one of the briefings.
- 7 The recommendations in this report center on
- 8 public participation and community involvement and to
- 9 outreach.
- 10 We are also in the process of working with Cal
- 11 EPA on the environmental justice strategy for the boards
- 12 and departments and also the EJ action plan that Secretary
- 13 Tamminen has put forth for implementation. And so we
- 14 wanted to make sure that the recommendations in this
- 15 report are consistent with the recommendations and
- 16 approach in the EJ strategy that we -- the work group is
- 17 working on. It is entirely consistent. The EJ strategy
- 18 that we will be working on addresses more than public
- 19 participation. Public participation is one of the full
- 20 four goal areas of that EJ strategy.
- 21 So there is a lot in our report that will be --
- 22 you'll be hearing about today that is almost exactly the
- 23 same as the information that's in the EJ report. So I
- 24 just wanted to make sure you knew that there is definitely
- 25 a consistency there.

- 1 And so I'll let Dr. Pastor go ahead and go
- 2 through the report. And then we can answer any questions.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 4 Welcome.
- 5 DR. PASTOR: Thank you.
- 6 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 7 Presented as follows.)
- 8 DR. PASTOR: So we -- can you bring the slide up.
- 9 DR. PASTOR: Okay. Well, at least the Board can
- 10 watch this. And perhaps the audience can as well in a
- 11 minute.
- 12 Thank you for that introduction. Yes, and
- 13 there's a great degree of consistency between the EJ
- 14 recommendations at the state level and what's in this
- 15 report.
- 16 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 17 Presented as follows.)
- DR. PASTOR: I also wanted to begin with two
- 19 things: One is I wanted to acknowledge in I also spoke to
- 20 Kit Cole during the break. It seems like everyone did.
- 21 It's good to see her.
- 22 And the second is that I wanted to congratulate
- 23 the Board on making a very important decision with regard
- 24 to environmental justice yesterday, which was the decision
- 25 to provide the funding for the removal of the concrete at

- 1 La Montana and Huntington Park. That's the good news. I
- 2 hear the bad news is that after the recent Pistons victory
- 3 that Los Angeles Lakers fans are asking that it all be
- 4 removed and put into Detroit as a --
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: That sounds good
- 7 to me.
- B DR. PASTOR: Okay. So what we're going to do
- 9 today -- and I'll try to do it very quickly because I
- 10 realize that time is short -- is to review our final
- 11 report and our recommendations with regard to
- 12 participation. You'll see that what's at least one other
- 13 part of this has to do with quantitative work as well and
- 14 recommendations with regard to future quantitative work.
- 15 It's been a work of a lot of different
- 16 researchers -- myself; Rachel Rossner, who's testified
- 17 before you before, but has not been able to come today.
- 18 While we are here today giving birth to this report with
- 19 you, she is quite pregnant and may be giving birth to
- 20 something far more important probably than this report.
- 21 So she was unable to make it. And a number of other
- 22 researchers who are both community based and university
- 23 based. We especially want to thank Rubia packard and then
- 24 Kit Cole while she was here at CIWMB for their assistance
- 25 in putting the work together to do this.

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- DR. PASTOR: We were asked to provide the
- 3 environmental justice context for your decision-making and
- 4 to focus specifically on the issues of public
- 5 participation. We did this by looking at an analysis of
- 6 the environmental justice context in the state,
- 7 particularly for CIWMB-regulated facilities, by trying to
- 8 provide some presentations to you along the way and then
- 9 doing a lot of interviews with community members and to
- 10 find out what their sense of things were. And then to do
- 11 a lot of research around the country on what are best
- 12 practices with regard to community participation in the
- 13 field of environmental justice.
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- 15 DR. PASTOR: The report, which you probably have
- 16 before you, includes an executive summary of course. And
- 17 you'll see that in the handouts you've got -- and anybody
- 18 in the audience who wants this can as well have it -- is a
- 19 the Spanish translation of the executive summary, which we
- 20 have provided as well, again along the lines of making
- 21 sure that we reached the communities that are affected but
- 22 sometimes aren't part of the process.
- 23 So there's an introduction in context. And
- 24 basically you'll see the presentation will follow sort of
- 25 the order of this report.

- The context generally for the report is that

  California really has been in a leadership role with

  regard to environmental justice policy. While there have
- 4 been national mandates, California with SB 115, numerous
- 5 other legislation, and recently Secretary Tamminen's
- 6 leadership has really been leading on the question of
- 7 environmental justice. This is a state where there's been
- 8 a lot of active organizing around these issues. It's also
- 9 a state where there's been an established pattern of
- 10 inequity by race and income with regard to environmental
- 11 disamenities. There's been very little research on CIWMB
- 12 facilities per se, but there's been a lot of research on
- 13 the kinds of facilities regulated by DTSC on air
- 14 resources, et cetera, and that has established a general
- 15 sense of environmental inequity which leads to a
- 16 perceptual field that influences how people think about
- 17 CIWMB facilities as well.
- 18 And as you know, there's an Environmental Justice
- 19 Advisory Committee. And this is beginning to work its way
- 20 through Cal EPA and has a lot of recommendations with
- 21 regard in particular to public participation, our focus.
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- DR. PASTOR: Part of what we did in our work --
- 24 and the other Board members have seen this before, but I
- 25 thought for the two new Board members it would be useful

- 1 to take just two minutes and talk about the basic
- 2 findings -- was we decided it important to understand
- 3 whether or not there was in fact a problem with regard to
- 4 CIWMB facilities that lead to an issue around
- 5 environmental justice. So we did the kind of analysis
- 6 typical of environmental justice efforts, where you locate
- 7 facilities in the state, where you create buffer zones
- 8 around them to figure out what the census tracks or census
- 9 block groups are that are affected, potentially within the
- 10 range of these facilities, and then to look at the
- 11 demographics and income levels.
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- 13 DR. PASTOR: As the CIWMB staff knows, we wound
- 14 up mapping all active and permitted disposal sites,
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- DR. PASTOR: Active and permitted transfer sites,
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- DR. PASTOR: And active and permitted waste tire
- 19 sites. And there's sort of two basic findings which are
- 20 interesting for you.
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- DR. PASTOR: One is that on the issue of
- 23 landfills, at first glance they do not seem to be
- 24 disproportionately located near minority or low income
- 25 areas. However, once one controls for the fact that most

- 1 of these are actually in rural areas, which tend to be
- 2 more white in the state than urban areas, there's a
- 3 disproportionality by race in both rural and urban areas,
- 4 although it's not a very big disproportionality.
- 5 --000--
- 6 DR. PASTOR: With regard to transfer stations and
- 7 waste tire sites, those are disproportionately in urban
- 8 areas and they are also far more likely to be located near
- 9 minority and low-income areas. And that result holds even
- 10 when you do more fancy statistical work in order to
- 11 control for the degree of urbanization and the population
- 12 density, et cetera, in the area.
- 13 So there is both a general perception in the
- 14 state of environmental inequity and there's a particular
- 15 set of issues with regard to CIWMB active and permitted
- 16 facilities.
- I wanted to say that I want to thank a lot the
- 18 permitting staff for helping us with understanding both
- 19 the data and then helping to understand these results as
- 20 we move forward.
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- DR. PASTOR: With regard to this quantitative
- 23 piece we're able to establish that there are some issues
- 24 that are out there. And we have two recommendations with
- 25 regard to the quantitative data, both that we collected

- 1 and then might be collected.
- 2 One is that the California Waste Stream Profiles,
- 3 which is available on the CIWMB website helps people look
- 4 at the issue of the demographics near any particular
- 5 facility. But the data that's there in fact is from 1990.
- 6 The race data and ethnic data is not collected in the way
- 7 that most of the modern researchers are using it. And
- 8 there remains something to be done with regard to that.
- 9 Still, it's a very good first step. And it might be very
- 10 useful to think about making that data more accessible
- 11 and, in particular, more accessible for geographic mapping
- 12 and analysis and for tying into the 2000 census data,
- 13 which currently the waste stream profiles at least is not.
- 14 And we believe that this making this statewide
- 15 data more accessible would help with the facilitation of
- 16 community voice in meetings, et cetera.
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- DR. PASTOR: The second thing that we think would
- 19 be helpful with regard to the quantitative side is trying
- 20 to develop an ongoing capacity for staff and outside
- 21 researchers, partly through this data development that
- 22 we're talking about, to evaluate the degree of demographic
- 23 disparity in siting decisions and to see how much of an
- 24 issue it really is. This would help build some trust in
- 25 the directions that the Board is taking. It would provide

- 1 some targets and goals for improvement, and also provide
- 2 some measures for evaluation and accountability.
- 3 We had some very rich discussions with the
- 4 permitting staff about the results that we were finding.
- 5 And there's actually a number of very interesting research
- 6 projects that could be launched as a result of this,
- 7 including looking at longitudinal studies to ask the
- 8 question of which came first, the facility or the
- 9 neighborhood; doing work as well to try to look at the
- 10 degree of -- or the size of a facility relative to the
- 11 community it's affecting, et cetera. There's a lot of
- 12 really interesting work.
- I must commend the permitting staff that was
- 14 willing to have as nerdy a discussion as I wanted to have
- 15 about statistical work and GIS locations. You got a good
- 16 group of people there. And we think it might be a very
- 17 good idea to continue to develop this quantitative base
- 18 that is useful in thinking about environmental justice.
- 19 --000--
- 20 DR. PASTOR: We presented to you earlier a model
- 21 with regard to community participation which talked a lot
- 22 about the fact that there's a difference between having a
- 23 reactive role, where what you have is a kind of situation
- 24 which decisions are made, a defense of those decisions get
- 25 made; and a proactive role, where you do a lot of

- 1 community involvement from the start. And this is the
- 2 kind of thing that the EJ Advisory Group has been asking
- 3 for and that constitutes the recommendations that we make
- 4 in this report.
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- 6 DR. PASTOR: I could give you a whole lot of
- 7 details, but I know time is short. And what I'm going to
- 8 do is to just sort of give you the highlights. Actually
- 9 there's a whole analysis of what communities were saying.
- 10 I urge you to read the report. I realize that you're very
- 11 busy people. But I got to tell you, it's just like one of
- 12 those great reports that, you know, like if late at night
- 13 when you're really excited about reading something, this
- 14 would be really a charming thing for you to look at. But
- 15 what I'm going to do here is just tell you a few --
- 16 basically jump straight to the recommendations of the
- 17 report.
- 18 So to address community issues and perceptions
- 19 that we report on which were not uniformly positive, for
- 20 sure, about the CIWMB process, some of which has to do
- 21 with confusions on the community's part, some of which has
- 22 to do with actual practices, to address these community
- 23 concerns we talk about partnering with community-based
- 24 organization through the provision of small grants.
- 25 Because one of the key things to do is to provide

- 1 technical capacity and to help utilize community groups in
- 2 doing outreach. It's being done in a lot of other places
- 3 around the country.
- 4 The other is to continue staff training on
- 5 environmental justice issues. We found this to be useful
- 6 in other environmental agencies to be able to talk through
- 7 the data issues and best practices and participation from
- 8 elsewhere in the country, and to perhaps designate an
- 9 environmental justice focus staff position within CIWMB to
- 10 deal with these issues as they come up.
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- DR. PASTOR: We also suggest -- and this is
- 13 something that the Southern California Air Quality
- 14 Management District has done with I think great success --
- 15 to try to develop a statewide complaint resolution
- 16 protocol. There are forms that people can use to file
- 17 complaints. They're often quite confused about whether
- 18 they should be complaining to the Integrated Waste
- 19 Management Board or whether they should be complaining to
- 20 the LEA. There's a lot of confusion about that. And I
- 21 think making that process a lot clearer and thinking a lot
- 22 about the kinds of ways in which a resolution protocol,
- 23 which has a lot more steps to it than just a complaint
- 24 form, might be useful. I'll talk about that in a minute.
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- DR. PASTOR: And then, finally, one of the things
- 2 that communities say about any agency, and including
- 3 reports that we got with regard to community perceptions
- 4 of CIWMB, is it's hard for them to track where the
- 5 community input gets institutionalized into the
- 6 decision-making process. So one thing that's increasingly
- 7 being done is after a decision is made to try to document
- 8 what the public participation was and actually how it
- 9 might have influenced or not influenced the decision.
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- 11 DR. PASTOR: We talk a lot in the report about
- 12 community competency. You've probably heard the term. By
- 13 the way, I apologize if I'm talking too fast. I could
- 14 also do this in Spanish. It would even be faster.
- 15 Although I think not everyone would understand it. But
- 16 I'll slow down a bit here.
- 17 The community competency piece comes from a term
- 18 that probably many of you have heard of called cultural
- 19 competency. Cultural competency refers to the ability to
- 20 make presentations and facilitate meetings in a variety of
- 21 difference ethnic groups, community groups, income levels,
- 22 et cetera. We think it's better to call it community
- 23 competency, because there's a lot of different kinds of
- 24 communities of interest, and the ability to move between
- 25 them and make effective presentations and facilitate

- 1 meetings is very crucial.
- 2 With regard to community competency, this is
- 3 something that's coming also from the EJ Advisory Group,
- 4 the whole notion of making sure there's adequate funds to
- 5 allow the various Cal EPA agencies to implement the EJ
- 6 recommendations and to provide this community competency
- 7 training for staff administrators and boards.
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- 9 DR. PASTOR: We talk in the report about
- 10 community collaborations and partnerships and how to pull
- 11 that together. We also talk about the need to make sure
- 12 that one goes beyond the mainstream environmental groups
- 13 that are often quite involved and already engaged in these
- 14 issues and reach out to the diverse environmental justice
- 15 groups that, for example, were a very key part of what the
- 16 California Environmental Protection Agency as a whole did
- 17 with regard to collecting the voices that were necessary
- 18 for the report that was -- eventually led to the set of
- 19 recommendations from the Environmental Justice Advisory
- 20 Group.
- 21 And obviously there's some very competent groups
- 22 in the state, Communities for a Better Environment,
- 23 Environmental Health Coalition, many others that had
- 24 representatives in that process and have some technical
- 25 capacity and also could be very useful in the planning

- 1 processes as you move forward.
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- 3 DR. PASTOR: With regard to policy, we talk in
- 4 the report about providing better guidelines with regard
- 5 to public participation and addressing environmental
- 6 justice issues. In Massachusetts, for example, one of the
- 7 things that has been done, and it seems to be done very
- 8 effectively, was to try to come up with some definition of
- 9 what an environmental justice community was, that is, low
- 10 income, minority, maybe disproportionately affected by
- 11 multiple hazards or multiple sources of pollution, and
- 12 then to use some of the particular resources to really
- 13 address community participation and address policy making
- 14 in those areas, areas which may in fact be subject to
- 15 disproportionate proximity to hazards and also cumulative
- 16 exposures, that is, multiple sources and not just one.
- 17 Which we realize is definitely an issue on community minds
- 18 an it's also one that leads to some times misdirected
- 19 anger about one agency which can in fact control just one
- 20 of the kinds of hazards that's there.
- 21 So also with regard to these best practices,
- 22 there's a difference -- and, again, we suggest looking at
- 23 what Air Quality Management District has been doing in
- 24 southern California and also what CARB has been up to with
- 25 regard to a complaint resolution protocol which would go

- 1 beyond complaint forms and really indicate standard
- 2 response time, make much clearer to the community where --
- 3 because there's confusion right now about where complaints
- 4 should be directed, and that confusion leads to people
- 5 actually not filing the complaint or not knowing how to
- 6 follow through. And getting a bit more feedback to the
- 7 community groups that do make the complaints, this would
- 8 be something being used by many other agencies around the
- 9 country.
- 10 The other thing that has been discussed in many
- 11 locations is the real need for community groups to have
- 12 technical assistance. Participating in discussions about
- 13 hazards without necessarily knowing all of the technical
- 14 parts of that turns out to be very uneven in terms of both
- 15 power relations and information relations for community
- 16 members. And there is a number of good examples of places
- 17 around the country which have really helped to bring this
- 18 technical assistance piece forward.
- 19 I'm going to ask by colleague, Breana, to step up
- 20 for just 30 seconds and say something about one of those
- 21 examples.
- Breana.
- 23 MS. GEORGE: One of the examples of technical
- 24 outreach to communities that we wanted to highlight that
- 25 comes from our report is an example from Buddios Anidos in

- 1 Phoenix, Arizona. And this is a community organization
- 2 that has sought assistance to technical outreach services
- 3 for communities to address air pollutions from traffic,
- 4 industry and waste management. This is a community that
- 5 surrounds the Phoenix airport and has consolidated into a
- 6 group called Neighborhoods For Justice. And they have
- 7 asked technical outreach services for communities to
- 8 prepare educational summaries of technical reports to
- 9 assist the community in tracking the status of air quality
- 10 permits for entities located near their neighborhood.
- 11 They were awarded the TOSC assistance based on a high
- 12 level of community organizing and, in addition, their
- 13 profile as low income community of color.
- 14 So that's one of the examples that we have.
- DR. PASTOR: And, again, these examples are
- 16 useful that are chockful in the report often in boxes.
- 17 They come from fields not necessarily around waste
- 18 management per se, but they show practices in other
- 19 environmental policy arenas.
- 20 I did want to mention too that Breana is one of
- 21 our youngest staff people, and recently graduated from
- 22 college. Congratulations, Breana. I think this is her
- 23 first big testimony in front of a board like this. So
- 24 congratulations.
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- DR. PASTOR: We talk next about education and
- 2 capacity building. Again, I think it's very important to
- 3 think about the issue of communities being ready to
- 4 participate. It's one thing to invite people to the
- 5 table. It's another for them to have the technical
- 6 capabilities to be able to participate effectively.
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- 8 DR. PASTOR: One of things that we talk about
- 9 with regard to education and capacity building is to try
- 10 to institutionalize having discussions between your agency
- 11 staff and other agency staff on the issues of public
- 12 participation and environmental justice, to make sure that
- 13 the best practices that people are discovering as the look
- 14 around the country and also implementing things themselves
- 15 actually get shared between the different agencies. And I
- 16 know that some of this is going on.
- 17 We think that CIWMB may be helpful at providing
- 18 education workshops for LEA officials with regard to new
- 19 formats for public participation, such things as sharettes
- 20 that we'll talk about in just a second.
- 21 And this is also an issue.
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- 23 With regard to marketing and communication, the
- 24 website that you currently have is very useful. It could
- 25 be -- and the California Waste Stream Profile is a very

- 1 useful tool there. We made some recommendations in the
- 2 report about how to update it and actually make it easier
- 3 for people to look at not just a particular facility but
- 4 perhaps a region-wide distribution of facilities.
- 5 We also talk about thinking about different
- 6 literacy and language requirements. It's of course one of
- 7 the reasons why we wanted to get the executive summary at
- 8 least in Spanish. It would have been very hard to
- 9 translate the whole report.
- 10 The other thing that we think is very important
- 11 to be thinking about is the way that meetings take place.
- 12 There's a tendency for formal meetings to basically wind
- 13 up being public standoffs rather than real discussions.
- 14 And the whole idea of using non-traditional meeting
- 15 techniques, things like sharettes, conversations,
- 16 stakeholder advisory groups, et cetera, to arrive at
- 17 consensus, may be a very useful way to think about public
- 18 participation.
- 19 And there's a lot of examples of that both with,
- 20 for example, the development of this complaint resolution
- 21 protocol, and a variety of other examples that we cite in
- 22 the report where the notion of having sort of informal
- 23 meetings before actually helps avoid public standoffs
- 24 later.
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- DR. PASTOR: We discuss in the report the notion
- 2 of developing a comprehensive public participation
- 3 guidebook. DTSC has such a guidebook. CARB has developed
- 4 one as well. And this could be very helpful for community
- 5 members to think about the public participation process.
- 6 It could also be a very useful tool for clarifying the
- 7 distinction between the LEA's and the CIWMB, which is not
- 8 always clear to the public.
- 9 And this kind of public participation mettle
- 10 could also be used to coach the staff in effective methods
- 11 and processes.
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- 13 DR. PASTOR: No set of recommendations is good
- 14 unless there's also some evaluation and accountability.
- 15 And we talk in the report about developing some standards
- 16 for public participation, and beginning to think about
- 17 accountability with regard to those measures so you can
- 18 see how good of a job that you're doing. And making sure
- 19 that, first, a baseline of community participation is
- 20 established. And that progress is monitored and reported
- 21 back to the community as well.
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- DR. PASTOR: In the report we also discuss
- 24 guidelines for more successful outreach. And we spend
- 25 some time talking about -- without really suggesting

- 1 specifically how you do this, but thinking about creating
- 2 diverse and representative stakeholder advisory
- 3 committees. They might be site-based. They might be
- 4 area-based. I think sometimes the issues around a
- 5 particular site might actually be better resolved if one
- 6 was thinking about waste management for a larger region.
- 7 And thinking about the variety of different facilities at
- 8 the same time. Or issue-based. And it might be useful to
- 9 try these stakeholder advisory committees -- which, by the
- 10 way, you use very effectively in your 2001 strategic
- 11 planning process, I believe -- to try to pilot a few
- 12 stakeholder advisory committees and evaluate how they do.
- 13 There's also a variety of other agencies which
- 14 have used surveys to try to figure out what the perception
- 15 is of stakeholders to the agencies and then be able to
- 16 take that into account.
- 17 And I'm getting to the end, which is good.
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- 19 DR. PASTOR: So in terms of final thoughts. We
- 20 think it might be useful to designate an officer, an
- 21 individual to take leadership in developing an
- 22 implementation plan, particularly with regard to
- 23 environmental justice. That's the kind of signal that
- 24 communities feel sends a signal of seriousness.
- We would be interested ourselves in continued

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- 1 research and collaboration with CIWMB staff to establish
- 2 some of the empirical baselines that are done in a very
- 3 preliminary way in this report. We would suggest that it
- 4 didn't necessarily need to be us, but that continuing to
- 5 do research on what is the empirical baseline of who lives
- 6 near the facilities, who's affected, on how
- 7 disproportionate it is when you look at the facilities as
- 8 a whole and control for things like the degree and size of
- 9 a facility. These are a lot of really interesting issues,
- 10 including the which came first issue we discussed earlier.
- 11 In terms of distributing resources, making sure
- 12 that the goal is maximizing community participation, and
- 13 with regard to that making sure that one develops an
- 14 assessment of the baseline of current practices in order
- 15 to be able to measure practice -- progress.
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- DR. PASTOR: Now, the real key, kind of a final
- 18 point, which I think really -- the first point is that
- 19 conflict and collaboration can go hand in hand.
- 20 But it's often thought that if a meeting is
- 21 conflictual, that somehow what's happened is everything
- 22 went wrong. Sometimes conflict is because people haven't
- 23 been talking together. And a lot of times out of conflict
- 24 is born collaboration.
- 25 There's a very interesting example where we live

- 1 in the Santa Cruz area where a high school needed to be
- 2 built for the City of Watsonville. The only place really
- 3 to locate it was on some environmentally sensitive land.
- 4 Environmentalists raised a lot of concerns. The
- 5 communities, who were very deeply concerned, both the
- 6 business community and the Latino community that wanted
- 7 this high school built, wound up with the help of Fred
- 8 Keely getting into a stakeholder group that negotiated and
- 9 came up with a set of compromises which involved actually
- 10 putting the high school on environmentally sensitive land,
- 11 putting environmental curriculum right near it, and then
- 12 basically green-lining or putting boundary lines around
- 13 development through the rest of it.
- 14 And at the end of it there were a couple of
- 15 people who were unhappy, but most people were very happy
- 16 and it helped forge a consensus which eventually helped
- 17 lead to a group in Pajaro Valley, which has been doing
- 18 open space and smart growth style development for
- 19 Watsonville as a whole.
- 20 So what looked initially like a big conflict
- 21 wound up becoming collaboration. And we try to give a lot
- 22 of examples here, because there's a lot of conflict around
- 23 dumps and landfills and waste stations, transfer stations,
- 24 as you may know. And we do not believe that those
- 25 conflicts necessarily eschew the possibility of their

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- 1 becoming collaborations later. But they have to be
- 2 managed carefully.
- 3 One of the things that we would suggest is very
- 4 important is representatives who have first contact with
- 5 the community around issues -- and those of you in
- 6 industry know this -- should anticipate that there'll be
- 7 misperceptions and confusions, should anticipate that that
- 8 will be frustrating, should anticipate that there'll be
- 9 conflict, and develop the kind of patience, training, and
- 10 time that leads to long-term effective community
- 11 participation and collaboration.
- 12 And we really think that the state has been
- 13 leading in this effort. Cal EPA has clearly made it a
- 14 mandate for all of the different agencies. The
- 15 Environmental Justice Advisory Group recommendations,
- 16 which are in the process of being worked through for the
- 17 agency as a whole, are really kind of cut -- be a leading
- 18 edge set of recommendations in the country. And we are
- 19 optimistic about what you'll be able to do. And we hope
- 20 that this report will wind up being useful to you as you
- 21 move forward in this task.
- 22 So thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. I just
- 24 want to thank you very much. This is an area that the
- 25 Board is very interested in. I sit at this moment on the

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- 1 working group of the environmental justice for Cal EPA and
- 2 very, very interested.
- I think it would be appropriate if we could take
- 4 your report -- and Mr. Washington's left for just a
- 5 moment. But as Chair, I sit on that committee, and so Ms.
- 6 Peace, the educate -- or Committee, Education and Public
- 7 Outreach. And we can take this report and spend more time
- 8 on it and make some recommendations to the Board, because
- 9 I think it's a very, very important. And I thank you very
- 10 much. And thank you for your first presentation down
- 11 there, Breana.
- 12 Thank you. You did a great job.
- 13 And Mr. Paparian had a quick comment.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah, thank you, Madam
- 15 Chair.
- I mean I do -- that's an outstanding report with
- 17 some outstanding recommendations. And as I understand it,
- 18 they came in well under the budget that we had provided.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Hey, that's
- 20 great.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So an added bonus there.
- 22 And, Madam Chair, I like your idea of making sure
- 23 this thing gets pursued. I agree with that. I know that
- 24 there's a lot happening in public participation right now.
- 25 We have AB 1497. We have some C&D requirements. We have

- 1 other requirements. Other agencies, the ARB and
- 2 Department of Toxics, have public participation manuals.
- 3 We do not. And I think that's an obvious first step that
- 4 comes from the recommendations of this report.
- 5 And I think there will be others, especially when
- 6 we mesh the recommendations of this report with what's
- 7 coming out of the environmental justice work at Agency.
- 8 So I hope that that can happen soon and hopefully we can
- 9 get some regular updates on how we're moving forward with
- 10 some of the recommendations from this.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Absolutely. And
- 12 I think the first step would be to start on a public
- 13 participation manual, as the Air Board has and so forth.
- 14 So thank you very much.
- 15 I do have one public speaker on this item. Evan
- 16 Edgar of CRRC. And if you would come forward and give us
- 17 your comment.
- 18 And thank you so much. Did you have something
- 19 else?
- DR. PASTOR: Well, I just wanted to thank you
- 21 very much for your help and the staff for their help with
- 22 doing this report. And it feels good to hear that we
- 23 were on time, actually under-budget, and on point.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: That's great.
- 25 Thank you.

- 1 Mr. Marin.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Yeah. I just wanted to say
- 3 muchas gracias.
- 4 DR. PASTOR: Gracias, tambien.
- 5 And we hope that that translation -- we will try
- 6 to make sure that that gets integrated into the full
- 7 report right after the executive summary. We had it
- 8 translated and we will work on it.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 10 much.
- 11 Evan.
- 12 MR. EDGAR: Thank you, Madam Chair and Board
- 13 members. Yes, CRRC. Thank you for -- I forgot to mention
- 14 it out of the box last time. So I for the California
- 15 Refuse Removal Council. And we've been doing locally
- 16 based permitting for the last -- well, the last 20 years
- 17 or 30 years and see what came into focus.
- 18 We need this. We need guidance manuals. I've
- 19 been testifying in front of the EJ committees and the
- 20 Waste Board and getting the tools out to the LEA's and
- 21 local governments on how to incorporate EJ issues into the
- 22 local permitting process. We've been using the CEQA
- 23 process for years in a proactive role. And most recently,
- 24 as Mr. Paparian pointed out, for the emerging C&D
- 25 regulations and the new solid waste permit revisions under

- 1 the AB 1847.
- We are doing this today. We have different
- 3 facilities up and down the state where we're hosting EJ
- 4 hearings without the guidance manuals that are needed. So
- 5 we support the LEA training, the Waste Board training, and
- 6 the need to get these tools out there in the field.
- 7 Because we have permits coming your way and we're using
- 8 the local CEQA process to get the public participation
- 9 incorporated. And then we're piggybacking on the back of
- 10 that.
- 11 As the speaker pointed out, we do publish the
- 12 executive summary in Spanish language or the local
- 13 language that is needed. But we can't produce the entire
- 14 report in a second language. And for the same reason,
- 15 because of the cost.
- So we face that everyday in the community on how
- 17 to get the message out on executive summaries, on public
- 18 noticing in Spanish and second languages. So we're doing
- 19 it currently and we look forward to documentation of that
- 20 and working with the LEA's on the needed tools they need
- 21 in order to piggyback on CEQA for the only process we know
- 22 that is currently available to us.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 24 Edgar. We appreciate that.
- 25 Mr. Paparian, as we go to the next item -- before

- 1 we go to the next.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: If you could indulge me
- 3 for just a moment. I wanted to make an introduction,
- 4 someone who has joined us who is smart, handsome,
- 5 athletic -- sorry, Evan, sorry John, not you -- my son,
- 6 Matthew Paparian, is in the back of the room back there.
- 7 (Applause.)
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Welcome. He can
- 9 see his dad in action.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Madam Chair, I too
- 11 would like to make an introduction. I have my cousin with
- 12 me, Paul Washington, from Houston, Texas join me here.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, great.
- 14 Welcome.
- 15 (Applause.)
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you so
- 17 much.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: And he's handsome and
- 19 all that.
- 20 (Laughter.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, absolutely.
- 22 Real glad to have you both.
- We're going to be going on to Item No. 18,
- 24 consideration of a grant award to the Fresno Unified
- 25 School District for the School DEEL Environmental

- 1 Ambassador Pilot Program from reallocation of the
- 2 California Used Oil Recycling Fund and the Integrated
- 3 Waste Management Account Fund.
- 4 Ms. Vorhies.
- 5 MS. MORGAN: Actually it's going to be me.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 7 MS. MORGAN: That's okay. I'm acting for Pat
- 8 Schiavo. Cara Morgan, Office of Local Assistance.
- 9 This item is consideration of grant award to the
- 10 Fresno Unified School District for the School DEEL
- 11 Environmental Ambassador Pilot Program from reallocation
- 12 of the California Used Oil Recycling Fund and the
- 13 Integrated Waste Management Account Fund.
- 14 Chris Kinsella of the Office of Local Assistance
- 15 will present this item.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 MS. KINSELLA: Good morning Madam Chair, members
- 18 of the Board.
- 19 The Fresno Unified School is one of seven school
- 20 districts in the state that are included in the
- 21 Environmental Ambassador Pilot Program, one of the grant
- 22 programs outlined in Senator Torlakson's 373 School DEEL.
- 23 This item is requesting that Fresno Unified be
- 24 granted \$12,857.15 to be used to help the district
- 25 implement diversion programs as part of their

- 1 environmental ambassador workplan. The same grant amount
- 2 was previously awarded to each of the six other
- 3 environmental ambassadors in the program.
- 4 Staff has delayed in bringing this item to the
- 5 Board earlier because of the complexities of bringing
- 6 another education-related program, the School Energy
- 7 Efficiency Program, under the Board, of which Fresno
- 8 Unified is a part. It was only clarified in the past few
- 9 weeks whether the district would continue to be included
- 10 in the program and whether that would impact this grant
- 11 request item.
- 12 The district will use these funds for
- 13 implementing their environmental ambassador workplan,
- 14 specifically diversion activities.
- 15 This concludes my presentation. Are there any
- 16 questions?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I see none.
- Mr. Washington.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah, Madam Chair, I'd
- 20 like to move adoption of Resolution 2004-170.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Second.
- Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Washington,
- 23 seconded by Ms. Marin, to approve Resolution 2004-170.
- 24 Please call the roll.
- 25 SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin?

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1 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
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- 2 SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 4 SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 6 SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Aye.
- 8 SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?
- 9 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.
- 10 SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 13 That brings us to the Special Waste portion of
- 14 our agenda. And I believe we're on No. 25.
- Mr. Lee.
- 16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, thank you, Madam
- 17 Chair. And good morning, Board members.
- 18 Item No. 25 is consideration of scope of work and
- 19 the contractor for the 2005 Used Oil Recycling/Household
- 20 Hazardous Waste Conference Contract, Fiscal Year 2003-2004
- 21 Oil Fund Contract Concept No. 0-16.
- 22 Kristin Yee will make the staff presentation.
- 23 MS. YEE: Good morning, Madam Chair and Board
- 24 members. I'm here to present the scope of work and the
- 25 contractor for the 2005 Used Oil Recycling/Household

- 1 Hazardous Waste Conference.
- 2 This contract is for \$130,000, and it's for the
- 3 planning and coordination of the 2005 conference that will
- 4 be held in southern California.
- 5 What we do every year is that we rotate it
- 6 between northern California and southern California. And
- 7 the reason why we have these conferences is for many
- 8 reasons. One is that it's the only statewide conference
- 9 that we have where we bring together all of the
- 10 stakeholders to share information and to also get
- 11 technical assistance. We also have two days of training.
- 12 It's also the best opportunity for us to foster the
- 13 sharing of information between all the stakeholders.
- 14 It also allows our grantees to establish regional
- 15 partnerships and to network. It gives them the
- 16 opportunity to gain knowledge and information on used oil
- 17 and HHW.
- 18 So there is a two-day training that we usually
- 19 give and then three days of conference. And this
- 20 conference really is essential for the growth and success
- 21 of the used oil and HHW program.
- 22 And this past year we had it in Sacramento, and
- 23 we had the privilege of having Board Member Paparian do
- 24 our opening remarks. So I hope that each of you will get
- 25 the opportunity to either attend the conference or

- 1 participation, because it really is an extraordinary
- 2 conference that we have once a year.
- 3 What the contractor, which California State
- 4 University, will be responsible for is to secure a
- 5 facility for us during the -- for the event in southern
- 6 California, to coordinate the logistics of the conference,
- 7 and to put together the conference graphics, our
- 8 conference guide, as well as our registration.
- 9 They we also coordinate all of the registration
- 10 for our attendees, our vendors, and our speakers. They'll
- 11 also do on-site coordination at the conference as well as
- 12 giving us a final report at the end.
- 13 So --
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Marin, did
- 15 you have a question now?
- 16 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: No. I'd like to move the
- 17 item, Resolution 2004-154.
- MS. YEE: Oh, okay.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Could you
- 20 tell me when the conference is? What are the dates? Did
- 21 you -- you might have already said that.
- MS. YEE: We haven't exactly set it. But what
- 23 we're trying to do is to get it for the same timeframe,
- 24 which would be the end of March of each year, so that it
- 25 will become a routine for grantees to know that it's an

- 1 annual conference in March.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Oh, Okay.
- 3 MS. YEE: But we haven't found the facility yet.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Great. Thank
- 5 you.
- 6 Ms. Mulé.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Just have a quick question.
- 8 Does part of that, the scope of this work include
- 9 conference evaluation, or do you --
- 10 MS. YEE: Yes
- BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Okay, that's -- thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Back to
- 13 Ms. Marin for the motion.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Just move approval of the
- 15 item.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Second.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. And we
- 18 have two resolutions, Resolution 2004-154 and 159, motion
- 19 by Marin -- who seconded it? -- Paparian.
- 20 Without objection, please substitute the previous
- 21 roll call.
- Thank you very much.
- 23 Item No. 26.
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 25 Item No 26 is consideration of the scope of work

- 1 and the contractor for the Used oil Certified Center
- 2 Outreach Contract, Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Used Oil Program
- 3 Contract Concept No. 0-17.
- 4 Jim Cropper will make the staff presentation.
- 5 MR. CROPPER: Good morning, Madam Chair and Board
- 6 members. I'm Jim Cropper of the Special Waste Division,
- 7 Used Oil Program. And I'll be presenting Agenda Item 26,
- 8 consideration of the scope of work and the contractor for
- 9 the Used Oil Certified Center Outreach Contract.
- 10 The purpose of this contract is to research the
- 11 barriers of businesses becoming certified used oil
- 12 collection centers and strategies to overcome these
- 13 barriers. This will allow us to provide tools to help
- 14 local jurisdictions recruit auto parts stores as certified
- 15 used oil collection centers.
- 16 The tools developed under this contract would
- 17 include a CCC recruitment guide and marketing materials, a
- 18 cost benefit study of being a CCC, instructions on how to
- 19 use a geographic information system to locate auto part
- 20 stores in areas that are underserved by CCC's and identify
- 21 the demographics in these areas. Also, a brochure of
- 22 sound management practices for a CCC will be developed,
- 23 along with two workshops for local jurisdictions
- 24 demonstrating how to use the recruitment guide, marketing
- 25 materials and GIS maps. And also a presentation of the

- 1 developed materials at the Used Oil/Household Hazardous
- 2 Waste Conference.
- 3 This contract concept was developed because data
- 4 gathered in 2001 showed that auto parts store CCC's
- 5 collect approximately 3.7 million gallons of
- 6 DIYer-generated used motor oil per year. This amount is
- 7 two and a half times greater than the used oil collected
- 8 at all other types of CCC's.
- 9 Current estimates show that only 20 percent of
- 10 the auto parts stores in California are enrolled in the
- 11 CCC program, indicating many more auto parts stores could
- 12 be recruited to collect used oil from the public.
- 13 Providing tools for grantees to recruit auto
- 14 parts stores as CCC's throughout the state in areas of
- 15 concentrated DIYers with no existing CCC's would help
- 16 increase the volume of used oil recycled because DIYers
- 17 are more likely to recycle if they have convenient access
- 18 to CCC's. And this is what our research that we
- 19 contracted with San Francisco State showed to be true.
- 20 To select the proper contractor to perform the
- 21 scope of work staff implemented a two-part selection
- 22 process. In the first part staff sent the draft scope of
- 23 work and a series of questions to three potential
- 24 contractors with statistical survey and behavior marketing
- 25 expertise at California State Universities.

- 1 These CSU's included CSU Sacramento, San Marcos
- 2 and San Francisco. The potential contractors were
- 3 provided written responses and were also interviewed.
- 4 From this two-part selection process, staff
- 5 determined that California State University Sacramento
- 6 would be the best contractor to complete this project.
- 7 And a representative from the CSU Sacramento is
- 8 here if you have any questions of him.
- 9 The contract concept for this scope of work was
- 10 approved at the November 2003 Board meeting. At this
- 11 Board meeting the Board allocated \$175,000 for the CCC
- 12 outreach contract for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 under the Oil
- 13 Fund Contract Concept No. 0-17.
- 14 Now I'd ask and recommend that the Board approve
- 15 the proposed scope of work with the California State
- 16 University of Sacramento as the contractor for the Used
- 17 Oil Certified Center Outreach Contract and adopt
- 18 Resolution Nos. 2004-155 and 2004-156.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- Mr. Washington.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Very brief, Madam
- 22 Chair.
- 23 The contractor is the California State University
- 24 Foundation?
- 25 MR. CROPPER: Correct.

1 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: And the Foundation --

- 2 how does that work? Tell me, how did you get the
- 3 Foundation as the contractor?
- 4 MR. CROPPER: Do you want to answer?
- 5 MR. TOOTELIAN: Thank you.
- 6 I'm Dennis Tootelian. I'm on the faculty of the
- 7 College of Business at California State Sacramento.
- 8 The contracts that the university does are
- 9 through the Foundation, and then they contract with us.
- 10 And in this case I'd be the principal investigator.
- BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: All right.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you for
- 13 being here.
- 14 Mr. Washington -- oh, Ms. Marin, did you have a
- 15 question before the motion?
- 16 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Yes I do. And the question
- 17 goes back to the previous presentation with the
- 18 environmental justice.
- I would presume -- and maybe I'm incorrect --
- 20 that some of the collection facilities may not necessarily
- 21 be quite -- quite big or -- numerous rather in certain
- 22 areas of the state where ethnic minorities may be located.
- 23 Would you please -- and I actually meant to ask
- 24 this of the previous question. Would we make a concerted
- 25 effort to go to those areas, where I would presume

- 1 participation is not as desirable as it should be, and
- 2 really focus so that more and more ethnic minorities --
- 3 see, I know what some people do or how they do not handle.
- 4 And I know it because in Huntington Park we used do as
- 5 much as we could. But I know the challenge that
- 6 communities like mine were having in trying to get people
- 7 to participate. But I also know that there were not as
- 8 many centers as there should be.
- 9 So if I may, madam Chair, I think that we do need
- 10 to have emphasis in those areas where we know that is
- 11 lacking. And I would leave it all up to you to do that.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Would you like to
- 13 address that, Mr. Lee, or --
- 14 MR. CROPPER: That's one of the purposes of this
- 15 contract, is to provide tools to local government so that
- 16 they would be able to use GIS maps so that they would be
- 17 able to see where existing certified collection centers
- 18 are, where there are auto parts stores, and then to look
- 19 at what the demographics are in that area so they would be
- 20 able to target the auto parts stores and the people in
- 21 that area.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you
- 23 very much.
- 24 Mr. -- I think Mr. Washington wanted to move it.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

- 1 I'd like to move adoption of Resolution 2004-155,
- 2 scope of work, as well as Resolution 2004-156, contractor
- 3 for the Used Oil Certified Outreach Contract.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Second.
- Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Washington, second
- 6 I by Ms. Marin, to approve Resolution 2004-155 and 156.
- 7 Please call the roll.
- 8 SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin?
- 9 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
- 10 SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?
- 11 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 12 SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 14 SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace?
- BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Aye.
- 16 SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.
- 18 SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye.
- 20 Okay. On to No. 27.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 22 Item No. 27 is consideration of adoption of
- 23 emergency regulations, and request for rulemaking
- 24 direction to formally notice amendments to waste tire
- 25 hauler registration and manifesting regulations regarding

- 1 retreaders for the 45-day comment period.
- 2 Don Dier and Tom Micka will make the staff
- 3 presentation.
- 4 MR. DIER: Thanks, Jim.
- 5 Madam Chair, members.
- 6 Just a quick intro for the benefit of the new
- 7 Board members. We've had a waste tire manifest system in
- 8 place since the mid 1990's. It's been drastically
- 9 revamped as a result of some legislation in 2000. It took
- 10 about two and a half years to develop and implement the
- 11 new system. It went into effect last July 1st.
- 12 Shortly after it was rolled out we heard from the
- 13 retreader industry that it was cumbersome and perhaps
- 14 unduly burdensome on them given the nature of their
- 15 operations. And we brought this matter to the Board
- 16 earlier this year. Staff recommended that -- and we were
- 17 supporting some changes in the reporting for the
- 18 retreaders to lighten the reporting requirements.
- 19 I would really like to just emphasize that this
- 20 is not an exemption in any way from the manifesting
- 21 requirements. This is just a different form of reporting.
- 22 Okay? That's really my purpose in the introduction.
- 23 Because there's been comments made in the industry and
- 24 some publications that this constitutes an exemption. And
- 25 it does not. We've been very specific in that, when we

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- 1 brought this before the Board in February, we committed to
- 2 the Board that we would only bring this back if we were
- 3 able to craft regulatory language which was very narrow
- 4 and applicable only to real, honest-to-goodness
- 5 retreaders. And we feel we've done that.
- 6 So with that, I'll let Tom make a brief
- 7 presentation.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
- 9 Dier.
- 10 WASTE MANAGEMENT ENGINEER MICKA: Good afternoon,
- 11 Madam Chair and members of the Board. My name is Tom
- 12 Micka.
- 13 The Board directed staff at the February 2004
- 14 Board meeting, as Mr. Dier mentioned, to work with the
- 15 retreader industry to draft regulations that would modify
- 16 the manifesting procedures under the California Uniform
- 17 Waste and Used Tire Manifesting System.
- 18 To that end staff, in consultation with the
- 19 retread industry, developed proposed regulatory changes to
- 20 the manifesting procedures. The goal was to be able to
- 21 continue capturing information on the casings being
- 22 transported by retreaders without compromising the overall
- 23 integrity of the manifesting program.
- 24 Since the printing of the proposed regulatory
- 25 changes in BAWDS staff has eliminated unnecessary language

- 1 by deleting two sections, Section 18457.1.1 and 18458.1.
- 2 In addition Section 18456.2.1 has been revised.
- 3 Copies of the revised language are on the back
- 4 table and have been provided to the Board members.
- 5 The proposed changes to the regulations are:
- One, a registered waste tire hauler that is a
- 7 retreader shall complete a retreader self-certification
- 8 form and submit that form to the Board. The Board shall
- 9 issue decals and a retreader registration card to the
- 10 self-certified retreader. And a customer invoice may be
- 11 substituted for a manifest form. For each shipment of
- 12 casings, the self-certified retreader should have in his
- 13 or her possession a retreader trip log and a customer
- 14 invoice or manifest form.
- 15 Staff requests that the Board adopt Option No. 1
- 16 in the agenda item. This option includes the adoption of
- 17 Resolution 2004-157, which includes adopting as emergency
- 18 regulations the proposed changes to the regulations
- 19 presented today and making a finding that the proposed
- 20 changes qualify for a categorical exemption under the
- 21 California Environmental Quality Act.
- 22 In addition, Option 1 directs staff to initiate
- 23 the final rulemaking process for the proposed changes to
- 24 the regulations starting with a 45-day comment period.
- This concludes staff's presentation.

1 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very

- 2 much.
- We have a speaker, Terry Leveille, TL Associates.
- 4 MR. LEVEILLE: Thank you, Madam Chair and Board
- 5 members.
- 6 For the benefit of the two new Board members I
- 7 want to just let you know that I wear several hats other
- 8 than being the publisher of the California Tire Report.
- 9 And the one hat I'm wearing today is as a representative
- 10 of the Tire Retread Information Bureau.
- 11 But before I do that I want to also -- as the
- 12 publisher of the Tire Report, I want to applaud Board
- 13 Member Peace and her testimony yesterday before the Senate
- 14 Transportation Committee on behalf of AB 338, the bill
- 15 that would require CalTrans to increase its use of RAC in
- 16 its projects. And despite the fact that Ms. Peace
- 17 cautioned the Committee that she felt as if she was being
- 18 dropped into a snake pit on a TV reality show, I think
- 19 everyone in the audience agreed afterward that she was a
- 20 snake charmer, because she did a very good job in her
- 21 testimony as the representative from the Senate Rules
- 22 Committee. And as speaking for herself, she did a
- 23 marvelous job. And the bill passed out of the committee
- 24 on a 7 to 3 vote yesterday.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: So you can imagine,

- 1 Terry, how I felt for six years over there.
- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 MR. LEVEILLE: I remember. I remember.
- 4 Now, back on -- on behalf of the Tire Retread
- 5 Information Bureau, I just want to just quickly say --
- 6 give hardy thanks to staff. They've been very helpful in
- 7 terms of working with us in terms of changing the
- 8 regulations, not to give an exemption on the manifest, but
- 9 to just make it a little bit easier for retreaders, who
- 10 are a special case, to carry on their business as they do
- 11 and without the burdensome effort of having to send in the
- 12 manifest papers every trip.
- 13 And I talked to Harvey Brodsky, who's the
- 14 Executive Director of the Information Bureau. He said
- 15 that he had sent a couple of informational packets to Ms.
- 16 Marin and Ms. Mulé so that you could have some background
- 17 on that.
- 18 But, once again, I want to thank staff. They've
- 19 done a marvelous job. And we urge the Board to approve
- 20 these emergency regs.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you very
- 22 much, Mr. Leveille.
- Ms. Peace.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Yeah, I think this is great
- 25 that we're making this less burdensome for the retreaders.

- 1 But the manifest system for waste tire haulers is
- 2 also cumbersome and burdensome. And I just hope that we
- 3 can make changes to the manifest system for waste tire
- 4 haulers, make those changes, make them less burdensome, as
- 5 expeditiously as we did for the retreaders.
- 6 So with that I'd like to move Resolution No.
- 7 2004-157, consideration of adoption of emergency
- 8 regulations, and request for rulemaking direction to
- 9 formally notice amendments to the waste tire hauler
- 10 registration and manifesting regulations regarding
- 11 retreaders for the 45-day comment period.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- 14 motion by Ms. Peace -- was that -- Washington seconded, to
- 15 approve resolution 2004-157.
- 16 Without objection, please substitute the previous
- 17 roll call.
- Brings us to No. 28.
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 20 Item 28 is consideration of proposed applicant
- 21 eligibility, project eligibility, scoring criteria, and
- 22 evaluation process for the Waste Tire Amnesty Day Grant
- 23 Program, Fiscal Year 2004-2005.
- 24 Boxing Cheng will make the staff presentation.
- 25 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was

- 1 Presented as follows.)
- 2 MR. CHENG: Madam Chair and Board members. This
- 3 is Boxing Cheng. I will make the presentation on this
- 4 program.
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- 6 MR. CHENG: This program mainly I will have some
- 7 proposals today.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Could you speak a
- 9 little closer. I'm sorry, we can't hear you.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 MR. CHENG: I'm sorry.
- 12 This is like a proposal for the Waste Tire
- 13 Amnesty Grant Program for application eligibility, project
- 14 eligibility, scoring criteria, evaluation process.
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- 16 MR. CHENG: For the application eligibility
- 17 mainly is for the California counties and cities and all
- 18 the special districts, political subdivisions and the
- 19 qualified California indian tribes all will be the equal
- 20 possibility.
- 21 So the project eligibility is mainly for two
- 22 parts. One is for the public -- have the tire collection
- 23 events. And another is for the educational program.
- 24 So the scoring criteria I will be -- present the
- 25 below in detail.

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1 The evaluation process actually is the same as

- 2 the former process.
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- 4 MR. CHENG: The purpose of this grant is mainly
- 5 for help the public to collect their tire -- waste tires
- 6 and so the local government can better manage their
- 7 nuisance tires.
- 8 Another part is for the educational program for
- 9 teaching the public how to properly care the tire and
- 10 dispose of tires.
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- 12 MR. CHENG: Give you some background. Since 1992
- 13 Board had approved more than -- provided more than 2.7
- 14 million in grant funding to support over total 130 grants.
- 15 All are listed here.
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- 17 MR. CHENG: The key issues I will mention for you
- 18 here, like the matching requirement, maximum grant amount,
- 19 and scoring criteria, and also evaluation process.
- 20 --000--
- 21 MR. CHENG: You can see we had 100 percent for
- 22 the first two cycles. And then he found out a little bit
- 23 of difficulty for the lower areas, so we decreased the
- 24 matching requirement to 50 percent for cycle 3 and cycle
- 25 4.

- 1 And for cycle 5, because you can take a look, for
- 2 the -- consequently three cycle, from cycle 2 to cycle 4,
- 3 we have undersubscribed. You know, we have like 400,
- 4 500,000 grants, but only have 317 grants awarded.
- 5 And then we decided to eliminate the matching
- 6 last year. But in the last year -- after last cycle, last
- 7 cycle 5, we got 29 grantee. We only have 400,000, but
- 8 like they -- as they awarded like \$925, 674 grant. So we
- 9 are significantly oversubscribed. So this cycle Board
- 10 staff is suggesting maybe we increase the matching to 25
- 11 percent. So that's -- the Board for considerations.
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- 13 MR. CHENG: Another change for the maximum grant
- 14 amount. Usually is for 20,000 per award. But we would
- 15 encourage the people have like a joint powers or we will
- 16 have -- this year we suggest like if you can apply for the
- 17 joint power, you can apply for maximum 25,000 per
- 18 jurisdiction up to four jurisdiction. That would be a
- 19 hundred thousand.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Paparian.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Madam Chair, I think
- 22 staff has done a great job on this and I'm ready to move
- 23 it if --
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have
- 25 one brief speaker.

- 1 Jim Hemminger.
- Thank you very much, Mr. Cheng.
- 3 MR. HEMMINGER: I think you're done.
- 4 MR. CHENG: Oh, okay. Sure.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Jim,
- 6 representing Rural Counties ESJPA.
- 7 MR. HEMMINGER: Thank you very much.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Good morning --
- 9 or good afternoon.
- 10 MR. HEMMINGER: I will try to brief, if I could.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 12 MR. HEMMINGER: And I would like to join others
- 13 in welcoming the two members to the Waste Board. And
- 14 would like to introduce them to the Rural Counties ESJPA,
- 15 which is joint powers authority that's comprised of twenty
- 16 rural counties within California.
- 17 It's mainly the smallest rural counties.
- 18 Seventeen of the member counties actually have populations
- 19 of less than 50,000. And generally they're the largest
- 20 counties geographical area-wise.
- 21 Through a contract with the Regional Council of
- 22 Rural Counties the ESJPA provides a variety of services to
- 23 its member counties. One of the things we try to do is
- 24 work with the Waste Board in helping rural counties
- 25 achieve compliance with various regulatory requirements

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- 1 for which they need to conform.
- 2 We also provide an information ombudsman forum
- 3 with meetings here in Sacramento that many Waste Board
- 4 staff graciously attend to talk to our rural counties, let
- 5 them share ideas about what different counties are doing
- 6 and also hear from Waste Board about some upcoming issues.
- 7 And we also -- collectively the 20 counties do
- 8 help with program implementation.
- 9 And I do know it's been said several times, but I
- 10 probably cannot say it enough, that the Waste Board has
- 11 historically shown wonderful attention and support for
- 12 rural counties. It starts of course from the Board Chair,
- 13 who actually has gone and visited recycling centers and
- 14 solid waste facilities in every one of our most remote
- 15 rural counties. It extends through county staff, from the
- 16 division heads, Jim and others, and, most importantly, to
- 17 Boxing. These are the people who get to know us
- 18 intimately as they struggle with our county staff day by
- 19 day to do what we're supposed to with the grant and go way
- 20 above and beyond, I'm sure, their job descriptions to help
- 21 out the rural counties.
- That appreciation, like I said, probably can
- 23 never be said enough.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 25 MR. HEMMINGER: And of particular importance of

- 1 course to us is the Waste Board grant programs. With
- 2 limited funding, rural counties more than other
- 3 jurisdictions, I think, do a appreciate the financial
- 4 assistance that is available from the Waste Board. I'm
- 5 not sure if we could compute it. But if we could chart
- 6 out the most appreciation per dollar of grant money, rural
- 7 counties would be way above the median lines there,
- 8 because we do appreciate the money very much.
- 9 And of those programs, Tire Amnesty Grant Program
- 10 has stood out as particularly important to the rurals.
- 11 And the Waste Board has historically gone out of its way
- 12 to make these programs available to our rural counties. A
- 13 variety of reasons: Illegal disposal issues, so much open
- 14 public lands, and also the limited cap on the dollar value
- 15 makes it particularly attractive to rural counties. It
- 16 may be less so for some of the larger jurisdictions for 10
- 17 or \$20,000. It does mean a lot to the rurals. And, quite
- 18 frankly, we're one of the reasons that the program became
- 19 oversubscribed, if you will. When the matching funds were
- 20 reduced, the rural counties got in line for it.
- 21 With this I did put forward a suggestion. And
- 22 really it was intended not at all to be critical of the
- 23 grant program. I want to be very clear there. But it was
- 24 intended to put forward a positive suggestion, and was in
- 25 response to some concerns I did get from some of our

- 1 smaller more remote counties -- the Modocs, the Inyos, the
- 2 Monos -- that increasing, as recommended, the dollar
- 3 value, the point value, if you will, for the cheapest
- 4 program, we're afraid, would make it more difficult and
- 5 put distant counties with high hauling costs at a
- 6 disadvantage relative to others.
- 7 I talked to Jim. And I know he put together I
- 8 guess this spreadsheet, indicating that based on grant
- 9 applications the cost dollar per tire actually was pretty
- 10 consistent whether you're rural or non-rural.
- 11 My first reaction was one of pride that our rural
- 12 counties are able to do such an efficient job, despite
- 13 long-haul distances and all, that we are frugal and able
- 14 to compete successfully on a dollar per tire value. And
- 15 I'm sure that's part of it. But numbers don't tell the
- 16 whole story. And there's a lot more to it.
- 17 These numbers surprised me, because that was
- 18 actually based on actual costs. These numbers we're
- 19 looking at here were based on projected costs. Quite
- 20 honestly, these were the first time our counties did
- 21 Amnesty Day programs. I think some counties were a little
- 22 optimistic in the number of tires they were going to
- 23 collect. So their application may have shown a higher
- 24 per -- a lower per dollar cost than actually borne out to
- 25 be true.

- 1 Future applications will need to reflect the
- 2 real-world estimates. And I guess as actual, future
- 3 applications will be higher.
- 4 Haul distances is very real. We looked at some
- 5 counties here and, frankly, some rural counties, Glenn
- 6 County or even Shasta, which has a cement kiln right
- 7 within its county, don't have long hauling costs. But
- 8 other jurisdictions do. When I looked at Siskiyou, Inyo,
- 9 and Alpine actually from a previous grant cycle, over
- 10 one-third of their costs were for haul distances. With
- 11 fuel prices, that likely would go further.
- So against this backdrop, we suggested maybe
- 13 don't base it absolutely on dollar per program, but look a
- 14 little more on dollar -- on efficiency of program or
- 15 consider geographical distances. Jim indicated that, one,
- 16 it may not be necessary, two, makes it very, very
- 17 difficult to quantify, which I certainly do agree. To
- 18 come up with a defensible way of reflecting regional needs
- 19 would be very, very difficult.
- 20 Boxing didn't get to it, but I understood he was
- 21 going to clarify, which is very helpful, that the grant
- 22 criteria -- the cost per tire is not just based on the
- 23 grant dollars, but is a sum of the grant dollars plus
- 24 matching funds. And I think that was important.
- I don't want to put words in your mouth.

1 MR. CHENG: Yes, it is. I was planning to

- 2 indicate.
- 3 MR. HEMMINGER: Which is helpful, because
- 4 disadvantaged communities who may not be able to put up a
- 5 lot of matching funds will not be at a disadvantaged
- 6 there.
- 7 And also we suggested, and I would appreciate if
- 8 the Board may consider, maintaining the existing criteria
- 9 points, if you will, for the cost per tire.
- 10 Our counties very, very much support the basic
- 11 thrust which was underlying this recommendation to reward
- 12 program efficiency, and we're very proud of our
- 13 efficiencies, but do feel just basing it on a dollar -- or
- 14 number of tires per dollar does fail to look at some basic
- 15 costs that really are beyond the control of our counties.
- 16 So with that, I again want to emphasize thank you
- 17 for the program and appreciate your consideration of our
- 18 suggestions.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Jim.
- 20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Yes. Who's
- 22 talking?
- Mr. Lee.
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I apologize, Madam Chair.
- 25 I just did want to respond to some of the issues that Jim

- 1 brought up. And then get some clarification on a proposed
- 2 staff change in some of the language there I guess in
- 3 criterion 10 to make this absolutely clear what the intent
- 4 is.
- 5 First of all, again, as I think -- as Jim
- 6 acknowledged, I had some personal discussions with him,
- 7 you know, with regards to the issues raised in his letter.
- 8 You know, his initial position had been that, you know, by
- 9 utilizing the cost-per-tire criteria and their raising it
- 10 from five to ten, that the people that he represents,
- 11 mainly the rural counties, would be particularly
- 12 disadvantaged.
- 13 Again, just looking at the last three grant
- 14 cycles you know, the data did not support that contention.
- 15 Nevertheless, I think we wanted to make it clear that
- 16 again it is our intent in evaluating this cost-per-tire
- 17 figure that staff is looking at both the grant dollar that
- 18 are expended plus any matching grants, because we see it
- 19 as the total cost that's involved that should be then
- 20 divided by the potential number of tires collected to
- 21 compute this cost-per-tire calculation.
- 22 So I believe we are prepared to make that change.
- 23 And I'd like to ask Mitch Delmage to come up to speak to
- 24 that.

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- 1 MR. DELMAGE: Mitch Delmage with the Special
- 2 Waste Division Waste Tire Program.
- 3 When we make that calculation, last year since we
- 4 didn't have a match, it was moot. This year we're upping
- 5 the match to 25 percent. And when we make the
- 6 calculation, we include that with the grant amount and
- 7 then subtract out public education costs. So we're just
- 8 looking at the actual collection costs for the tires. And
- 9 that's how we make that calculation.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: And, Mitch, what changes do
- 12 we want to -- do we want any kind of language changes in
- 13 the criterion itself?
- 14 MR. DELMAGE: So we'll add the language in there
- 15 that shows that the cost -- we'll actually just put a
- 16 calculation in there. I think that would be the clearest,
- 17 where it shows that it's the grant amount plus the match
- 18 minus the public education and development costs.
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: And we're going to make
- 20 that clear as part of the notice of funding availability;
- 21 that's where we'll have that clarifying language?
- MR. DELMAGE: Yes. And it's also in the
- 23 application package.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Ms. Peace had the
- 25 floor, and then Ms. Marin.

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1 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So the additional language
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- 2 that Jim had suggested to put the least cost per tire and
- 3 consideration of the geographic, demographic, and regional
- 4 factors will receive the most points, did you decide to
- 5 change that into that?
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: No.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: You didn't?
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: That would make -- in
- 9 staff's opinion, that would make the program, you know,
- 10 too cumbersome to administer, much more subjective than it
- 11 is now. And, again, as I said before, the information
- 12 that we --
- 13 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: -- it didn't support what
- 14 he --
- 15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: -- didn't support that the
- 16 rurals were being disadvantaged at all.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I was just going to ask what
- 18 you thought -- if you thought there was any negatives to
- 19 leaving that in there. But you just answered my question.
- 20 So thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- Ms. Marin.
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Madam Chair.
- So if I understand correctly, the general
- 25 criteria and the points continue to be the same; you're

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- 1 just going to clarify in other areas? Or is it going to
- 2 be part of this scoring criteria?
- 3 MR. DELMAGE: It'll be clarified in the scoring
- 4 criteria.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: As well. Okay, good.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you.
- 8 Ms. Peace.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Also, Jim, can you explain
- 10 to me Scoring Criteria No. 9 on the tire disposition? Can
- 11 you explain to me how, where there's cement kilns and
- 12 cogens and stuff, how they fit into the scoring criteria?
- 13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Ms. Peace, let me defer
- 14 that question to Mr. Delmage, who's done some looking into
- 15 that particular situation.
- MR. DELMAGE: Well, we're not, you know, allowed
- 17 by law to support tire incineration. So we've left that
- 18 out. But there are cases on these collection events where
- 19 the tires really have no other place to go.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: As Jim just mentioned, that
- 21 Shasta, you know, would take all their tires to a cement
- 22 kiln.
- MR. DELMAGE: Right.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So I just wanted to make
- 25 sure that we're not -- like they're getting less points

- 1 for doing that.
- MR. DELMAGE: Well, what we've asked for, up to
- 3 five points, is if they can justify that they just have no
- 4 other use for the tire or it's unduly costly to do
- 5 something else with the tire, then we can consider giving
- 6 them up to five points.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: But only up to five points?
- 8 MR. DELMAGE: Right.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So if there is nothing else
- 10 they could do with the tires --
- 11 MR. DELMAGE: Well, we really want to support
- 12 higher recycling-type end uses for these tires.
- BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I thought you just said
- 14 you'd get the five points if they proved they couldn't --
- 15 there's no other place the tires could go.
- MR. DELMAGE: Right. The reason that we have ten
- 17 points for recycling uses is to show our emphasis for
- 18 that. But we still want to allow -- in cases where there
- 19 just aren't other options, that we can give them some
- 20 points up to five.
- 21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: And, Ms. Peace, what we're
- 22 trying to do again -- as is acknowledged, that not all
- 23 tires, you know, can be, you know, reused beneficially at
- 24 least through the normal, you know, crumbing processes or
- 25 making them into some other molded rubber product. You

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- 1 know, burning becomes the only -- potentially the only,
- 2 you know, viable option. But we are constrained again by
- 3 language in the trailer bill. So, again, we have to --
- 4 you know, we've done the best that we can do recognize all
- 5 of the various constraints and issues that surround this.
- 6 And that's why the points were derived as they were and
- 7 why we've, you know, carefully tried to couch the language
- 8 such that we don't run afoul of our statutory constraints.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So that a place like Shasta
- 10 in a rural county where it's closer to take -- you know,
- 11 closer and more cost effective and everything to take
- 12 their tires to the cement kiln, they could only get up to
- 13 five points.
- 14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Right.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: They couldn't get a full ten
- 16 points?
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: That is correct.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So it couldn't be that they
- 19 could get ten points for reuse or recycling but still get
- 20 ten points for other options if they can justify why the
- 21 reuse of the recycling options aren't currently available?
- 22 I mean why are they getting less points if that was the
- 23 only option for them?
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Again, like I said, the
- 25 language was put together, you know, to reflect all the

- 1 various -- I think -- let me just back up a minute.
- 2 I think the desire to -- if we increase the
- 3 points for burning them up to ten points, then it could be
- 4 arguably construed that we were providing -- you were
- 5 putting the burning on the same playing field as the other
- 6 beneficial reuses of tires. And, again, because of the
- 7 specific language in the trailer bill, there was some
- 8 discussion among Legal and program staff again about, you
- 9 know, whether or not that would be compromising, you know,
- 10 those provisions.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I guess my concern is still
- 12 that -- so you think legally we couldn't say they can get,
- 13 you know, up to ten points for reuse and recycling, but
- 14 they could also get ten points if they could show that
- 15 there was nothing else they could do it with it, and
- 16 another option was all they could -- something else was
- 17 all they could do.
- 18 CHIEF COUNSEL CARTER: Ms. Breckon will address
- 19 that issue. She has been looking into it.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: We can't hear
- 21 you, Ms. Carter.
- 22 STAFF COUNSEL BRECKON: This is Wendy Breckon
- 23 with the Legal Office. I'd like to address that question.
- 24 I think what staff has done so far is gone with
- 25 the hierarchy in PRC 40051 for how to dispose of the tires

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- 1 and give them more points for reuse and recycling, less
- 2 points for anything less on the hierarchy than that.
- 3 But --
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Well, I can see where they'd
- 5 get less points on a hierarchy if there were other
- 6 options. But to get less points when there aren't any
- 7 other options doesn't seem quite fair.
- 8 STAFF COUNSEL BRECKON: Right. My concern was
- 9 because of the trailer bill that we certainly don't give
- 10 more points for incineration than for other options,
- 11 because that would be seen as promoting incineration. If
- 12 we give the same amount of points, I don't think that
- 13 would be seen as promoting or supporting incineration.
- 14 However, we'd have to make it real clear that no grant
- 15 funding could be used to pay, for example, giving the
- 16 tires to a cement kiln or some facility that incinerated
- 17 the tires. That, you know, if we're just bringing the
- 18 tires there, maybe that wouldn't be seen as supporting
- 19 incineration.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: While you're
- 21 thinking about that, Mr. Paparian.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'm ready to move it. I
- 23 think it is consistent with our -- how we've handled the
- 24 range of grants that have involved all kinds of materials.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: A accept your

- 1 motion.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Okay. I will move --
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Did I say
- 4 emotion? But I meant motion.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I will move Resolution
- 6 2004-158.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Second.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. We have a
- 10 motion by Mr. Paparian, seconded by Ms. Mulé, to approve
- 11 Resolution 2004-158.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Excuse me, Madam Chair. Can
- 13 I amend that motion though to -- you know, to give them up
- 14 to ten points if they can justify that there's no other
- 15 way to get rid of these tires?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: I've got to talk
- 17 to the maker of the motion.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah -- no, I mean I --
- 19 we can debate -- I can debate that. I was trying to avoid
- 20 doing that. But if we need to enter that debate, I'm
- 21 happy to.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Well, I think if
- 23 we're going to debate this more, we might need a Special
- 24 Waste Committee.
- 25 But did you accept that or not?

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- 1 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: No, no. I'd like to vote
- 2 on the motion.
- 3 CHIEF COUNSEL CARTER: Mr. Paparian, I would
- 4 suggest in light of the revisions that were suggested in
- 5 reference to No. 10, that you include in your motion the
- 6 formula that would indicate how the cost of --
- 7 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Thank you. That would be
- 8 part of the motion.
- 9 CHIEF COUNSEL CARTER: Okay.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: So is it clear?
- 11 We have a motion by Mr. Paparian to approve Resolution
- 12 2004-158, seconded by whom -- did we get to -- Ms. Mulé.
- 13 Please call the roll on this one.
- 14 SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin.
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
- 16 SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 18 SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?
- BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.
- 20 SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace?
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: We'll discuss this more in
- 22 Special Waste.
- 23 Aye.
- 24 SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.

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- 1 SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye.
- 3 The motion passes.
- 4 No. 29.
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 6 Item No. 29 is request for direction on options
- 7 to modify certain Fiscal Year 2004-2005 activities
- 8 identified in a five-year plan for the Waste Tire
- 9 Recycling Management Program and discussion of the
- 10 biennial update process.
- 11 This item was prepared at the request of the
- 12 Executive Director to respond to Board member questions
- 13 and comments on this issue raised at the May 2004 and
- 14 previous Board meetings.
- 15 Specifically, various Board members had indicated
- 16 a desire to re-examine the Local Enforcement Grant
- 17 Program, the Commercialization Grant Program, and the
- 18 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Technology Centers, and
- 19 potentially the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 five-year budget
- 20 plan allocations for these programs.
- 21 At this point it would be instructive to examine
- 22 what has been the historical precedent for making changes
- 23 in the five-year plan and individual year budget
- 24 allocations based upon statutory, legislative intent,
- 25 Board policy considerations, and operational constraints.

- 1 Senate Bill 876 was enacted to provide a
- 2 comprehensive measure to extend and expand California's
- 3 regulatory program related to the management of waste and
- 4 used tires.
- 5 SB 876 required the Board to adopt and submit to
- 6 the Legislature a five-year plan that included waste tire
- 7 program goals and priorities and proposed budget
- 8 allocations, including grants, loans, contracts and other
- 9 expenditures under the Tire Recycling Program. In
- 10 addition, it requires that the five-year plan be updated
- 11 every two years.
- 12 Among other things, the implied intent of this
- 13 legislation was to provide a measure of stability and
- 14 program continuity.
- The last update of the five-year plan was
- 16 completed in May of 2003 to provide budget allocations and
- 17 staff direction for Fiscal Years 2003-4, the budget year
- 18 2004-2005, and outlying years through 2007-8.
- 19 The next update of the five-year plan will
- 20 conclude in June of 2005 to provide for updated or revised
- 21 direction for Fiscal Years '05-'06 through '09-2010.
- 22 Historically there are two types of modifications
- 23 to the five-year plan which the Board has entertained.
- 24 One is a reallocation of current-year monies at the end of
- 25 the fiscal year, after it is determined that there are

- 1 funds that are available because of any number of reasons,
- 2 including undersubscribed grant cycles or lack of
- 3 resources to implement a particular program.
- 4 The Board has indicated in the past that they
- 5 prefer to wait until the end of fiscal year to reallocate
- 6 any current year remaining funds. So that can be done in
- 7 one comprehensive agenda item rather than piecemeal
- 8 throughout the year.
- 9 The other type of modification is a revision of
- 10 the five-year plan itself, based on changing goals and
- 11 priorities. Thus far a revision of goals and priorities
- 12 has occurred as part of the biennial five-year plan review
- 13 and update process.
- 14 Attachment 5 of the agenda item contains a time
- 15 line for the five-year planning process. As you can see,
- 16 the process which staff expects to commence in September
- 17 will not conclude until June of next year. Our experience
- 18 in development of previous iterations of the five-year
- 19 plan has shown us that this amount time is necessary in
- 20 order to hold workshops, to discuss and vet proposals with
- 21 disparate stakeholder groups, and to secure consensus
- 22 Board approval of the various five-year planning elements.
- 23 Operationally speaking, timelines are even more
- 24 critical, should the Board elect to change some of the
- 25 2004-2005 allocations.

- 1 Almost all the budget allocations involve grants
- 2 or contracts which have six to eight month long lead times
- 3 to implement. Therefore, should the Board elect to change
- 4 these allocations, the decision to do so should come
- 5 within the next 30 to 60 days.
- 6 With that overview, I'd like to address each of
- 7 the aforementioned programs where potential changes in
- 8 2004-2005 budget allocations have been discussed.
- 9 I'd also like to emphasize that while the agenda
- 10 item has no explicit staff recommendation --
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Mr. Lee, wouldn't
- 12 this be better served in the Special Waste Committee?
- 13 This is really going to have a lot of debate. And since
- 14 we have a Special Waste Committee meeting scheduled for
- 15 July, I'll defer to Ms. Peace who's the Chair of that
- 16 Committee.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Yes, I think there's quite a
- 18 few things here that I want to look at and to talk about.
- 19 And I don't know if we have enough time here to do it. So
- 20 I'd like to put this back into Special Waste and really
- 21 have lot time to talk about it.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Is that okay with
- 23 you, Mr. Washington?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Did you have a

- 1 comment, Ms. Marin?
- 2 BOARD MEMBER MARIN: I do, Madam Chair.
- 3 My question would be -- I'm not a member of that
- 4 committee. I think that this is -- as a process issue
- 5 this is more complicated than just waste.
- 6 If I understand correctly -- and I certainly --
- 7 I'm going to try to be at your committee when this is
- 8 discussed. But I would be concerned that we would -- that
- 9 this is something that will impact far many more contracts
- 10 and/or processes for awarding contracts and -- than just
- 11 that waste area. So I would just -- I think this is
- 12 bigger and maybe --
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Absolutely. And
- 14 let me remind everybody that the committees are advisory
- 15 only. They're all open and everything comes back to the
- 16 Board, you know, of substance. So certainly we just would
- 17 have a little more time to discuss in depth and then bring
- 18 anything back to the full Board.
- 19 Mr. Paparian.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Yeah, just to clarify on
- 21 the committee process. My understanding is -- you know,
- 22 any of us can attend any committee.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: That's what I
- 24 said. Absolutely.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: So I think this is very

- 1 appropriate.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. So --
- 3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair, may I make
- 4 just one concluding remark. Again, perhaps I was, you
- 5 know, too laboriously, you know, trying to make the points
- 6 there, and certainly defer to the Board's position on
- 7 this.
- 8 Again, what I was basically just trying to say
- 9 again is that indeed many of the issues that we're
- 10 discussing here have significant policy level
- 11 implications, and that I wanted to ask the Board again to
- 12 recognize those as they make their deliberations on
- 13 whatever direction they were proposing to give the staff.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: We understand,
- 15 Mr. Lee.
- 16 Thank you.
- Okay. Number 14, our last item, that was
- 18 continued from yesterday.
- Oh, excuse me. Oh, no, no, no. That's right.
- Okay. Never mind.
- 21 Number 14.
- 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: This is Patty Wohl again
- 23 with Waste Prevention and Market Development Division.
- 24 Maybe I can go through this relatively quickly
- 25 and --

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: And we do have a
- 2 speaker. I don't want to forget him. Scott Smithline,
- 3 Californians Against Waste, will be speaking after the
- 4 report.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Okay. Well, I understand
- 7 that you have a sample of a rewrite basically that focuses
- 8 on similar tasks, a workplan and the budget; a literature
- 9 search, which I think we want to make a change there and
- 10 add the degradable technologies back in there because we
- 11 would like to have literature and find out what's out
- 12 there on those subjects even if we're not moving forward
- 13 at this time with that.
- 14 And then since CSU had talked about their
- 15 demonstration project, we're kind of keeping that open,
- 16 but that would probably be who would do it at this point
- 17 since it's under their contract.
- 18 And then we've taken out the life cycle. We'd
- 19 have an evaluation report.
- 20 So with that, we think we have agreement from the
- 21 stakeholders. So it would be adopting resolution
- 22 2004-178, revision 2, and 2004-179, revision 2. And 179,
- 23 the amount was not changed, so it would be changed to
- 24 75,000 at the bottom of that instead of 225.
- 25 So I guess we'll hear from the stakeholders.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 2 Wohl. I had misplaced a copy of it, so I apologize.
- 3 We're all set here now. Thank you.
- 4 So you had finished? I apologize. I was looking
- 5 for my copy.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Yes, I'm done. And I
- 7 guess we'll here from Scott Smithline.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. And we
- 9 have Laurie Hanson also, who will be next.
- 10 So first Scott Smithline, Californians Against
- 11 Waste, followed by Laurie Hanson, California Bag & Film
- 12 Alliance.
- MR. SMITHLINE: Madam Chair, Board members.
- 14 Thank you very much for this opportunity.
- 15 I'd just like to thank you for holding this item
- 16 over, giving us the opportunity to work with the staff.
- 17 I'd like to thank the staff as well for
- 18 accommodating us and giving us this time to work out -- I
- 19 think we've come up with a really good agenda item now,
- 20 for less money. We're getting more bang for our buck.
- 21 And we've really narrowed the scope to address the
- 22 concerns of -- what the staff has told us are and the
- 23 recyclers have told us are -- which is we're not
- 24 getting -- the recyclables aren't getting -- the
- 25 compostables aren't getting done in 180 days. It's too

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- 1 long of a time period. So we've narrowed it to items that
- 2 are already meeting that standard. And within that group
- 3 we can find the ones that are even better.
- 4 And so, again, thank you and thank the staff. We
- 5 support this item.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 Thanks for your work on it.
- 8 Laurie Hanson, California Bag & Film Alliance.
- 9 MS. HANSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. California
- 10 Plastic Bag and Film Alliance.
- 11 And I wanted to thank the staff also for their
- 12 hard work on this and working with all of us industry
- 13 folks. We've been a little difficult. And I certainly
- 14 want to make sure that in the future that we work with the
- 15 staff very closely on looking at the litter issue and come
- 16 up with some good programs that will evaluate what does
- 17 work out there, what doesn't work. And certainly we don't
- 18 as an industry want to say anything is okay to litter.
- 19 So thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you,
- 21 Ms. Hanson.
- Ms. Mulé.
- BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Madam Chair, I also want to
- 24 thank staff for your hard work and the quick turnaround on
- 25 this. I really do appreciate your working with our

- 1 stakeholders in this revision.
- 2 And if no one else has anything, I would like to
- 3 move approval, if I may.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Okay.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Resolution No. 2004-179 as
- 6 revised. Consideration of California State University
- 7 Chico Research Foundation as contractor to evaluate
- 8 performance, degradation rates, and byproducts of various
- 9 compostable rigid plastic packaging containers, other food
- 10 service products, and bags using commercial composting
- 11 methods as stated. And in the amount of \$75,000.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: I'll second, with a
- 13 friendly suggestion that you also include Resolution
- 14 2004-178.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: So we have 178
- 17 revision 2; 179, revision 2.
- 18 Moved by Ms. Mulé and seconded by Mr. Paparian.
- 19 Well, we better call the roll on this one.
- 20 Please call the roll.
- 21 SECRETARY WADDELL: Marin?
- BOARD MEMBER MARIN: Aye.
- 23 SECRETARY WADDELL: Mulé?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 25 SECRETARY WADDELL: Paparian?

| 1  | BOARD MEMBER PAPARIAN: Aye.                          |
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| 2  | SECRETARY WADDELL: Peace?                            |
| 3  | BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Aye.                             |
| 4  | SECRETARY WADDELL: Washington?                       |
| 5  | BOARD MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.                        |
| 6  | SECRETARY WADDELL: Moulton-Patterson?                |
| 7  | CHAIRPERSON MOULTON-PATTERSON: Aye.                  |
| 8  | Okay. Well I want to thank everybody. And            |
| 9  | especially our two new Board members, for hanging in |
| 10 | there.   |
| 11 | And thank you.                                       |
| 12 | This meeting is adjourned.                           |
| 13 | (Thereupon the California Integrated Waste           |
| 14 | Management Board meeting adjourned at                |
| 15 | 12:37 p.m.)  |
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